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Youths Hear Advice on Conduct and Dating

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is shown as he spoke to the vast audience of young people in the keynote address of the Church's huge international youth program, which was beamed to the Northern California area, along with many others in the United States and out side its borders. Others scheduled to speak are, left to right, above, Elders Harold B. Lee, Howard W. Hunter, Marion D Hanks and Spencer W. Kimball. Elder Hanks is a member of the First Council of the Seventy; the other three are members of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.

Quarter-Million Young People Participating

Thousands of Northern California young people of the Church are taking part in a giant campaign launched recently by President David O. McKay.

They are part of a group of nearly a quarter of a million youths throughout the world who received instruction designed to protect them against tendencies toward delinquency."

The move was launched early in January in a closed circuit and tape-recorded address by the 86-year-old Church leader to youths assembled in 169 centers throughout the nation and outside its borders.

"Never let us lose sight of the fundamental fact that the home is the basis of civilization, and that we have the obligation to build ideal homes and to put forth every effort to rear exemplary families." he told his great audience of 12-through-26-year-old listeners.

Each Sunday evening, through March 27, a general authority will continue the theme in broadcasts over Radio Station KSL in Salt Lake City, which will be picked up by more than a score of cooperating stations throughout the west. Outside the range of these broad-

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Walnut Creek Ward

Stake Organizes Danville Branch

By Lois H. Butler

The Danville Branch was organized from the Walnut Creek Ward Sunday, Jan. 10, under the direction of Stake President Norman B. Creer. Blaine Kimball was made branch president, with Donald W. Wall and Ray L. Pearson as counselors. Don Shumway is branch clerk. Seventy families make up the branch with about 200 people in all.

This is Walnut Creek Ward's fourth division in eight years.

The branch president is happy over the ready support received from those whom they've asked to serve. The Aaronic Priesthood general secretary is Robert Craig. Wesley Bailey is Sunday School superintendent with John A. Peterson, the first assistant and Kathryn Ring as secretary. Afton Craig is the Junior Sunday School Coordinator. Winnifred Spuhler is Primary president with Gloria Kimball as counselor.

The Mutual will meet with Walnut Creek for the present.

The branch will meet at the Grange Hall on Diablo Road and will hold the first meetings Feb. 7. The Grange Hall has limited facilities but can take care of the Junior Sunday School and provide for six other classes. Meeting hours are as follows: Priesthood 9-10; Sunday School 10:30-12:00; Sacrament Meeting 5:30-7:00.

A church building lot has been donated by Stanley and Mary Jane Friden. It is located on Stone Valley and Smith Roads and is a four acre lot with a 300 foot frontage and 600 feet in depth. The land slopes up in a gradual rise to a knoll and is in a good section of Danville.

Barbara Dalby presented a one-act play "According to Size" by Nora Stirling at Relief Society for the Social Science lesson Jan. 26.

This is "An American Theater Wing Community Play" and was directed by Grace Heiges. It concerned the emotional maturity in the home, how it is gained and how we react one to another.

The Primary lost both counselors Gloria Kimball and Afton Craig to the Danville Branch. Lee Landgren and Donna Bench have taken their places. Lillian Cutler and Lona Mae Lauridson are two new Primary teachers. The Sunday School will lose five teachers to the branch but have two new teachers, Irma Bledsoe and Karleen Winegar. Some of the older classes can be combined now the classes are smaller. The Walnut Creek Sunday School, along with the Lafayette-Orinda Sunday School, handled the Stake Conference Junior Sunday School Jan. 24.

The Church-wide Firesides are being well attended by the young people. There was a very good attendance at the Interstake Center Jan. 3. On the succeeding Sunday night Firesides the older group has about 30 attend and the younger group average 18. After the talks the group responds with questions and discussions, freely expressing their thoughts on the subject offered.

Under the direction of Bonnie Bertagnolli a Ward Youth Chorus meets each Tuesday at 6:30 to

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Lost Something? Try the Center

Lost anything at the Interstake Center?

Many items have been found and are available if the owners will call for them, reports Curtis Bybee, who heads the committee in charge of the building.

Among items left at the building are a woman's Endura wristwatch assorted costume jewelry, gloves, scarfs. jackets, sweaters and women's purses. The items may be obtained from Clyde Russell, custodian, or Harlan Henderson, engineer.

Statistical Report To The Stakes Contains Meaningful Church Story

By Samuel W. Taylor

If you go to sacrament meeting — or if you don't — you become part of a large statistical sheet mailed monthly to your stake president, causing his hair to gray and or to thin.

The sheet notes whether you are an officer or teacher of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Aaronic, the Relief Society, the Sunday School, the YWMIA, YMMIA, or the Primary, or whether you are a Ward Teacher. It also notes whether you are a High Priest, Seventy, Elder, Priest, Teacher or Deacon, whether you are a Senior Aaronic Priest, Teacher or Deacon, or whether you are a Senior Unordained member. If you are none of these but just a Mutual girl, there is a place for that, also.

35 CATEGORIES

And this is just the beginning of this single statistical sheet. that breaks down your church activities into 35 categories.

Little wonder that we are known as the record-keepingist people in the world. Most of us don't realize that statistics mean people, and that through figures our Church leaders measure performance and direct activity. Visiting Authorities to our stake conferences often refer to and give counsel based on these statistics.

A comparison of the eight Bay area stakes, who share similar problems of transportation, finances, two-religion families, outside competition and growing pains, shows that they are evenly grouped. With a maximum of 3200 possible points, the average for the 289 stakes of Zion in November was 1567. The Bay area stakes rated at 1539, very close to the Church average.

HARD WORK

Behind every exceptional statistic is a story of hard work and dedication. There is a reason, for example, why Santa Rosa stake had an 89 per cent attendance for High Priests for the month, as compared to the Church average of 71 per cent, if we just new it; but we know the work and the dedication is there without knowing who did it.

Other examples: 72 per cent ot Palo Alto Seventies attended Sacrament meeting as against the Church average of 85 per cent. Hayward stake had an Elders attendance of 40 per cent compared to 34 per cent for the Church.

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Guided Tours Through Center

The new Interstake Center at Lincoln Ave. and Warren Boulevard in East Cakland is proving to be an effective "silent" missionary — with a special assist from Elder and Mrs. Stephen H. Winter.

Two days a week the Winters conduct tours through the handsome building. They can handle even more people, reports Elder Winter. The times:

Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

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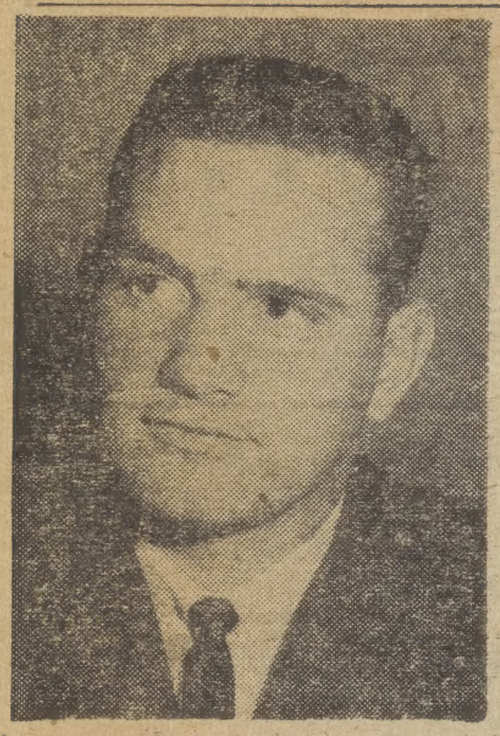
Arrangements can be made for large or small groups to be shown through at their convenience by telephoning Elder Winter at KEllog 3-7926. Tell your non-member friends.

N. California Stake Conference Dates, 1960

Stakes	1960 Quarterly Stake Conference Dates			
Oakland-Berkeley	Feb. 20-21	May 7-8	Sept. 3-4	Nov. 19-20
San Francisco	Jan. 9-10	March 19-20	June 4-5	Oct. 1-2
Walnut Creek	April 9-10	June 25-26	Oct. 22-23	
Hayward	March 5-6	May 21-22	Sept. 17-18	Dec. 3-4
Palo Alto	Feb. 27-28	May 14-15	Sept. 10-11	Nov. 26-27
Santa Rosa	Jan. 30-31	April 17-18	Aug. 13-14	Oct. 29-30
San Jose	Feb 13-14	April 30-May 1	Aug. 27-28	Nov. 12-13
San Mateo	Feb. 6-7	April 23-24	Aug. 20-21	Nov. 5-6
Monterey Bay	March 12-13	May 28-29	Sept. 24-25	Dec. 10-11
General Conference in Salt Lake City	April 2, 3, 4, 6 (None Apr. 5)		October 7, 8, 9	



Elder Dennis George Moffat, on mission to Southern States.

Hayward Ward

Dennis G. Moffat New Missionary

When Elder Dennis George Moffat accepted a call to serve as a full time missionary in the Southern States Mission, he became the sixth missionary to enter the field from the Hayward Ward, Hayward Stake.

Prior to reporting to the mission home in Salt Lake City on Jan. 18, a farewell testimonial service was held in Elder Moffat's honor on Jan. 10 in the Hayward Ward.

W. Shannon Murphy, first counselor in the bishopric, conducted the service. Invocation was offered by Elder Leonard J. Lyon, and speakers were Elder Robert Welcher, President Frances Winkle, formerly of the Hayward Stake presidency, and Bishop D. Ross Mc Clellan. The Ward Choir sang a special arrangement of "Come, Come, Ye Saints," and later during the service sang the Hymn, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Remarks were made by the missionary. The benediction was offered by Thomas Pugmire. Immediately following the service ,a reception was held honoring the missionary.

Dennis has lived in the Hayward area for approximately one year. For nine years prior to coming to Hayward he lived in Centerville. He has been most active in YMMIA. and while living in Centerville was secretary for the Young Men's Mutual. He was advanced to the Melchizdek Priesthood while in the Hayward Ward.

Elder Moffat is the son of brother George S. Moffat of Los Molinos, Calif., and Sister Lucille Myers of Canoga Park, Calif. He was graduated from Washington Union High School in Centerville and has attended Pierce Junior College in Los Angeles and the B. Y. U. at Provo, Utah.

Before accepting his missionary call, he was employed by the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, University of California in Livermore.

Oakland and Berkeley

Reunion In Death Of Effie Southgate

Effie Southgate, 70, died of natural causes in January in a Salt Lake City Hospital. Her husband. George, died in 1955, having been a polio victim since childhood. The pair were formerly very active in the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, and maintained a tailor shop on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

They had been sweethearts in England, but when she emigrated to America, George would not propose marriage, because he had no means of earning a living. Later he became a tailor, and married his first wife, Agnes, in England. After moving to Berkeley, Agnes died of cancer.

Effie and George were married at long last, because she had also come to Berkeley to live, and worked in the tailor shop for George for years before his first wife died. Effie and Agnes were inseparable friends and mutual helpers during the time prior to Agnes' passing.

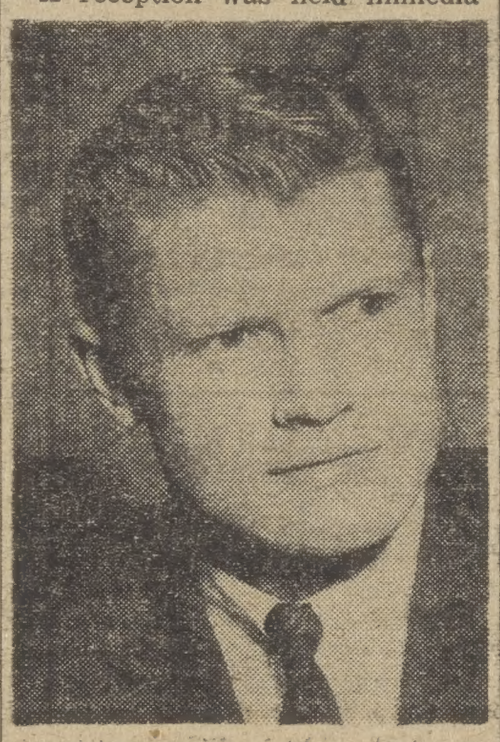
Hayward Ward

Elder Shumate To Colorado

The second man to answer the call to labor as a full-time missionary during January in the Hayward Stake, was Chandler Shumate. He has been assigned to labor in the Western States mission, with headquarters in Denver, Colorado, and is to report to the mission home in Salt Lake City. on Feb. 8.

Glen B. Edmunds, second counselor in the bishopric, presided at the farewell testimonial service held in honor of Elder Shumate on Jan. 31. The speaker was Elder Wilford T. Webb of the Hayward Stake High Council. Remarks were made by Elder Leonard J. Lyon and Bishop D. Ross McClellan. Neil Shumate, brother of "Chan," played a piano solo, "I Walk With God," and a vocal duet, "Hold Thou My Hand," was sung by Rex and Mary Bolles. After remarks by the missionary's mother, the missionary gave his response.

A reception was held immediately following the testimony services.



Elder Chandler Shumate, to labor in Western States.

Berlin R. and Eva Joy Shumate are the parents of Elder Shumate, and the family has lived in Hayward for approximately 13 years. For the five years just previous to that time, they lived in the Richmond area.

"Chan" has been particularly active in Mutual and his priesthood groups. He held the office of President of both his Deacon's and Teachers' Quorums.

He was graduated from Hayward Union High School, and has attended the College of San Mateo and the Brigham Young University.

Hayward Ward now has seven full-time missionaries. They are:

Elder James & Sister Alice Muir, British Mission; Elder Dean Bolles, Brazilian Mission; Elder Barry Maashoff, Brazilian Southern Mission; Elder Fred Dahle, Central American Mission; Elder Dennis Moffat, Southern States Mission; and Chandler Shumate, Western States Mission.

Stake Organizes Danville

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practice music for the Stake Music Festival and assembly programs. Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill Mutuals sponsored a New Years' Dance for any who preferred to dance nearer home. Ninety young people from the two wards and neighboring wards joined in dancing. There were balloons, horns, confetti and fun. January 19 the Mutual enjoyed a dance "Snowball Frolic." Sandra Pratt helped with the decorations. Cup cakes were furnished by the Beehive girls. Dancing was directed by Yvonne Phillips and Franklyn Brown.

Ivan Griffin, member of San Carlos Ward, is acting principal at Carlmont High School.

San Carlos Ward

Ivan Griffin New Principal At Carlmont

By Merlyn Leetham

Ivan A. Griffin, who has been No. 2 man in the Carlmont High School administration since it opened in 1952, has been appointed acting principal to fill the vacancy left by the death of Albert J. Terremere.

The appointment was made during a meeting of the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees following recommendatinns by Superintendent Rex. H. Turner.

Brother Griffin came to the Sequoia District in 1944 as teacher and counselor at Sequoia High. At Sequoia he also served as registrar and head counselor before moving to Carlmont.

He was born in Escalante, Utah, where he received his early schooling, and he earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Utah. Later he got a master's degree at the University of Southern California and more graduate work followed at Stanford, San Jose State and San Francisco State.

Brother and Sister Griffin live at 2524 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos. One son, Roland has just completed a mission in France and another son, Paul, is a sophomore at Carlmont.

Who'll Complain? Hundred Bucks Is Mighty Tidy Sum

In this day of inflation a hundred bucks is hardly worth mentioning. Ho hum.

But it was a Saturday, and nothing else much to do.

And Jerry Beuker's father-in-law had this orchard at Watsonville, you see. Big, crisp pippins. Really good. For a church project, he'd let them go dirt cheap.

The Redwood City Ward Elder's Quorum got behind it, and took orders at $2.25 a bushel. That's right, and at that price they got 95 orders in a hurry.

So at five a.m. Phil Nielson, Jerry Beukers and Dean Jackman set out for Watsonville. When they got back with a hundred bushels of apples, a dozen elders were on deck for the distributing. By Saturday evening 95 bushels of the apples delivered, ninety-five bucks profit in the kitty. The truck cost nothing, being donated by Al Parker, who also furnished the gasoline. Buck a bushel profit. And next morning the other five bushels went like snow upon the dessert's dusty face. That made an even $100 to be used in supporting the missionary Quorum it is helping, and other worthy projects.

Hardly worth mentioning, a hundred bucks. Ho hum.

But, come to think of it, there have been several Saturdays when we haven't made a hundred bucks.

S.W.T.

'Star Dust Revue' To Be Given In Area By B.Y.U. Entertainers

"Star Dust Revue," a Brigham Young University Program Bureau extravaganza, is slated for presentation in several California cities beginning Feb. 13 and continuing through Feb. 20.

Shows will be presented in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Feb. 13 and 14, Stockton Stake Feb. 15, San Jose Stake Feb. 16, Sunnyvale Ward in Palo Alto Stake Feb. 17, Sacramento or San Mateo Stake Feb. 18 or 19, and Santa Rosa Stake at Napa on Feb. 20. Performances will begin at 8 p.m.

The troupe composed of 29 persons, will present the hour and a half program in stake centers and auditoriums of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Star Dust Revue" is under the direction of Janie Thompson, program coordinator, with Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence as chaperones.

This tour, the largest the Program Bureau will make this year, will take the participants through Squaw Valley, scene of the Winter Olympics, and on to the Bay area.

Talented acts scheduled in the revue are the Y Knights, under the direction of Tom Moon; the Key Tones, a vocal trio composed of Ron Beers, Carol Hollingshead, and Von Del Anderson; BYU dancing group, the Brighamettes; and the Hi-Belles, a girl's trio with Jerri Olson, Tuija Hellstrom, and Jean Miller.

Other acts slated to perform are Jim Rawls, who will be the master-of-ceremonies; Twin-Timers, composed of Oniel and Odell Miner and Joan and Joen Dalley; Bill Sego, BYU's popular recording star; Sam Francis, known at BYU as Mr. Show Business" because of his ability to imitate many Hollywood stars; and Carene Clark, a former Miss America contestant whose stage abilities are varied and numerous.

Participants will stay at the homes of LDS Church members during the tour.

Los Altos Ward

Messages Used In Newspaper

Continuing similar previous cooperation, the Los Altos News, which reaches more than 20,000 homes in the Los Altos, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale areas, has publicized the last two ward-teaching messages—those for December and January. In each case the journalistic account of the monthly lesson received a two-column heading followed by text that summarized the lesson as given in the Study Guide and Report Book for Ward Teachers.

The news article for December was headed: "Do Your Best" Advise Mormon Leaders in December Message. The article for January appeared under the title: Harmonious Religious Homes Provide Solidarity—Mormons.

The Los Altos News, published weekly devotes a page entitled "Come to Church" to local religious activities, digests of sermons, and announcements of church services, including those of the Los Altos Ward. Besides the element of local news, the page is judged to have some missionary value—a point which other wards may be interested in developing.

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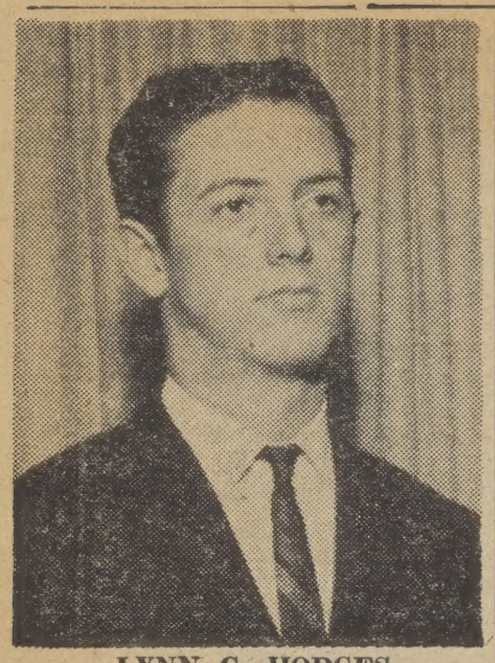

LYNN G. HODGES

Walnut Creek Ward

Lynn G. Hodge Receives Award

Walnut Creek Ward recently paid tribute to Lynn G. Hodge as he received the Duty To God Award. Lynn is the 16-year-old son of Iral and Verla Hodge, and brother to Karen and Du Wayne Hodge. He has earned four individual awards with a high attendance percentage in Priesthood. Sunday School, Sacrament and Mutual; is active in his Priests' Quorum, and has filled all other requirements toward the Duty To God Award. He is the fourth youth to receive this outstanding recognition from the Walnut Creek Ward.

In scouting Lynn attained the rank of Star Scout, participated in Explorer activities, and is now an Ensign. He will graduate from seminary this June and is a member of the new Danville Branch.

Lynn is a Junior at San Ramon High School at Danville where he is on the varsity wrestling and track teams and on the junior varsity football team. He recently received honorable mention in the Northern California Art Fair and is active in all student body activieies.

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San Francisco Ward

Baby Shower For Lengels

By Echo May

One of the delightful events of the season was the surprise baby shower given for Mello Dee Lengel at 848 31st Avenue. It was an all-age group of sisters with two brothers who couldn't keep away: Ted Lengel (the father-to-be) and Bill Agar (in the same boat). The evening was spent in prize-rewarded games with picnic-like refreshments.

Many baby-things made the rounds, from sterilizer and blankets to rattle and bootees. Thirty women participated: (Guest of Honor) Mello Dee Sengel; (Hostesses) Betty Staten, Norma Stanger and Joy Agar; (Wives of the Bishopric) Mae Scoville, Hilma Glew, and Karen Merrill; Ruth Yoshinaka, Annamay Andersen, Lottie Andreason, Cicely Brown, Ethel Clark, Julie Crane, Lillie Daily, Estelle Green, Phyllis Goodrich, Frances Higby, Jeanie Kinsley, Jacqueline Keller, Denise McKee, Donna McLean, Alvina Mairs, Echo May, Joyce Melville, Karen Murdock, Thelma Packer, Renee' Rushton, Lee Rutherford and daughter, Diane, and Ronald Wright.

Some were present only in their gifts: Mary Caro, Renee' Chaffee, Renee Christensen, Sally Hammarstrom, Dixie Jones, Loretta Kearns and Beverly and Edna Keddington.

It is to be regreted that we humans do make mistakes. Some errors do creep into the best of articles written and printed after a full days work and passed through many hands for reading and rewrite. We grieve if anyone's name finally winds up misspelled or left out of an article. The latest such is in leaving out the names of David Chaffee and William Morrison among the elders who so unselfishly rendered service on the paint-job mentioned in the January issue of the Messenger. We apologize.

Ellen Lenoda Scott, daughter of George Fredrick and Rosabella Jones was born, Jan. 27, 1907 in Menan, Idaho. She died Dec. 14, 1959, leaving a bereaved husband, H. J. Scott and their son, Tommy, who returned from the service for his mother's funeral.

Mary Ann Coltrin, daughter of Levy Muir and Matilda Brown, Woods Cross, Utah. She married Zebedee L. Coltrin, who died many years ago. She passed away Dec. 28, 1959, and is buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery. She leaves three sons and a daughter: Cal Lee, Jordon, Kenneth and Dora Caldera, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Last Sunday evening, the young people took over the genealogy program and proved that it was no dead-dry subject to them.

Mark Nelson, born: Dec. 10, 1959, to Karen Pierce Nelson and Dr. M. Don Merrill was blessed by his father of the bishopric.

Katherine Viola Honn was baptized and confirmed by her father, Frank Honn, of the Sunday School Superintendency.

James Daily, Jr. was made secretary of the priest's quorum as James Lynch was released from that position to enter B.Y.U..

Charles Andrew Green, Sr., husband of Sister Estelle Green, was baptized Dec. 19, 1959 by Elder David L. Rogers and confirmed by Elder Robert L. Parchman, both elders of the full-time mission.

COMPARATIVE RATINGS, BAY AREA STAKES, NOVEMBER, 1959

	Church Average	Palo Alto	Hayward	San Mateo	Santa Rosa	Walnut Creek	Oakland-Berkeley	San Jose	San Francisco
Stake Ratings (Maximum 3200)	1567	1604	1597	1594	1571	1562	1551	1432	1401
Sacrament Meeting Attendance									
% Ward Members	35	34	29*	30	33*	32*	30	35*	26
% High Priests	71	70	83	78	89	69	64	73	72
% Seventies	58	72	64	67	56	60	56	60	46
% Elders	34	38	40	34	39	34	34	32	32
% Aaronic	50	59	51	47	56	53	54	42	41
% Senior Aaronic	6	9	9	8	10	9	6	nr	8
% MIA	59	43	47	42	42	50	53	40	47
Ward Teaching									
% Visits	80	84	86	84	71	83	66	38*	52
% Attendance Report Meeting	58	50	57	76	41	34	61	52*	64
Sunday School Attendance									
% Aaronic	52	63	57	51	59*	55	61	48*	49
% MIA	65	50	54	49	49	59	60	46	54
Mutual Attendance									
% YWMIA	67	49	56	55	49*	61	59	51	53
% YMMIA	39	40	38	40	43*	48	35	37*	29*

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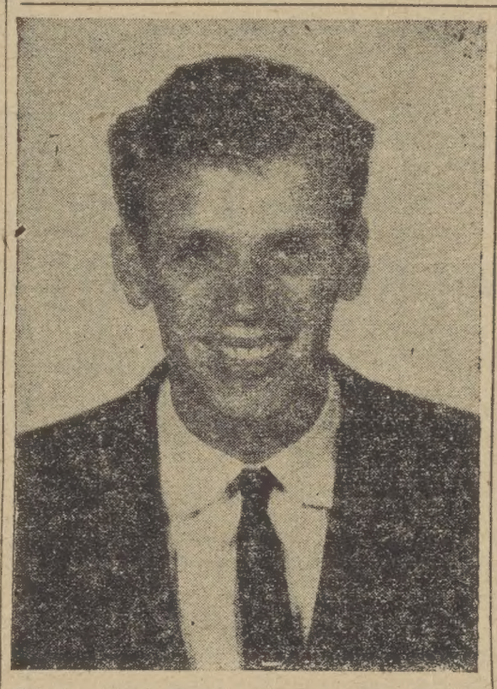

Elder Jess F. Larsen, to the Danish Mission.

Sunnyvale Second

Jess F. Larsen Answers Call To Danish Mission

By Beverly Watts

A farewell testimonial was held January 10 in the Sunnyvale Ward chapel in honor of Jess Farrell Larsen who was called to the Danish Mission.

A son of Rex and Katherine Larsen of Sunnyvale Second Ward, he graduated from Fremont High School and attended San Jose Junior College for nearly two years and leaves a position with Hiller Helicopters.

Elder Larsen will be the first descendant of the Larsen family to return to Denmark since his paternal great-grandparents were converted t o the gospel and emigrated to Utah in the early days of the Church.

Farrell entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City January 18 and the following week flew to Copenhagen.

BIG EVENT

February 20 will mark another "first" for the Sunnyvale Ward's new chapel when both the Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Second Wards will meet together for the annual Gold and Green Ball, the first one to be held in the new building.

Decorations will follow the theme "Younger Than Springtime" for this semi-formal affair under the direction of the combined M.I.A. Officers of the two wards.

Preceding a program at intermission, seventeen and eighteen year old debutantes from both wards will be presented. They are Roxie Woodard and Barbara Kershaw from Sunnyvale Second and Mary Ann Olson, Virginia Wright, Donna Reynolds, Sharon Miner, Sharon Spilaine and Kitti Katsuko from Sunnyvae Ward.

Terry Hughes and his orchestra will furnish the music and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Everyone over twelve years of age is invited to attend.

San Lorenzo Second

Clothing, Many Other Items To Be Exchanged in Building

By Virginia Ringwood

The grand opening of the LDS Exchange Building is planned for the first part of February, according to Betty Tillotson, Relief Society President.

A variety of items, at cut-rate prices to members of the Hayward Stake, have been added to the list already offered. The main feature of the center is to exchange clothing and other items.

The building is now open each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is operated by Relief Society members.

MOVIES SHOWN

Movies are featured every two weeks beginning with short subjects at 7 p.m., followed by a full-length feature film. Films for Feb. 5, 19, and April 1 are to be announced later. "An American in Paris" will be shown March 4, "Ivanhoe," March 18, "The Quiet Man," April 15 and "Lili," April 29. Proceeds from the movies will go toward the ward building fund.

A teacher's quorum outing was held recently with all members attending "Ben Hur" in San Francisco after dinner at Jack London Square. Andy Neil is advisor.

SNOW TRIPS

The group is also planning a snow trip on a Sat. in February for families of the quorum.

The annual Aaronic Priesthood breakfast was held recently prior to the regular priesthood meeting with Frank Hansen as head chef.

The Relief Society is working on a quilt to raise money for the building fund. Members also sold tickets to the showing of "Kayaks Down the Congo" to raise money.

Sister Tillotson has announced her new first counselor as Helen Crane replacing Elaine Hulme; Anita Hills is literature teacher; Jenny Hill is new theology teacher.

The Home Builders are planning a "Daddy Date" for Feb. 5 and included will be entertainment, games and refreshments.

PENNY DRIVE

The Primary is beginning the Primary Birthday Penny Drive on Feb. 1 for the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

The Course 6 Sunday School class, under the leadership of Melva Smith will have a Valentine Party at the home of Sister Smith Feb. 13.

The group recently elected officers: Cathy Carter, president; Robert Bigtlow, vice president; and Laurie Bigler, secretary. They have also established games, refreshment and decorations committees.

The membership of the ward is especially thankful for the safety of Brother and Sister Lowell Brown and their family following an accident in Nevada. The Browns, along with their daughter's fiancee, Jim Vastine, were enrcute to the funeral of Brother Brown's brother in Utah. The automobile, driven by young Vastine was demolished but the occupants were without injury.

The Brown's have a son, Ed who is on a mission in Korea.

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Los Altos Ward

Mosaic Making Demonstrated By Pat Sherwood at Meeting

By Dallas S. Burch

As guest speaker at the Los Altos Ward Relief Society work meeting, January 12, Pat Sherwood, a former student at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, gave a talk and demonstration on the making of mosaics. This activity, she indicated, can be an interesting hobby, a means of artistic expression, a business enterprise or a combination of these elements.

After reviewing the origin of mosaics in Italy and the use of Venetian glass as a popular material for this purpose, the speaker explained that a wide range of other materials can also be used, with many interesting effects. Among them are pebbles, children's marbles, various kinds of glass and rocks, metal shavings from machine shops, and even seeds. She pointed out that mosaics are adaptable for many uses - such as table tops, floors, plaques, bowls, trivets, candle holders, or even large pictures as exemplified by the facade of the Stanford Memorial Church.

Under the speaker's direction and guidance, members of the Relief Society made several mosaic articles from materials furnished for that purpose. The members learned that the principal equipment needed comprises a suitable design, a glue for holding the mosaic pieces in place temporarily, a cementlike grout for filling the spaces between the pieces, pliers for shaping the pieces, and steel wool for polishing the finished product.

The talk and accompanying demonstration showed that a basic knowledge of art is a valuable help in making good mosaics as are also study and practical training under skilled supervision. Pat Sherwood is a Los Altos housewife, wife of Dr. John Sherwood and her studio is the home garage. Arrangements for her novel and fascinating talk were made by June Wilson, the Relief Society's work director.

Orinda Ward

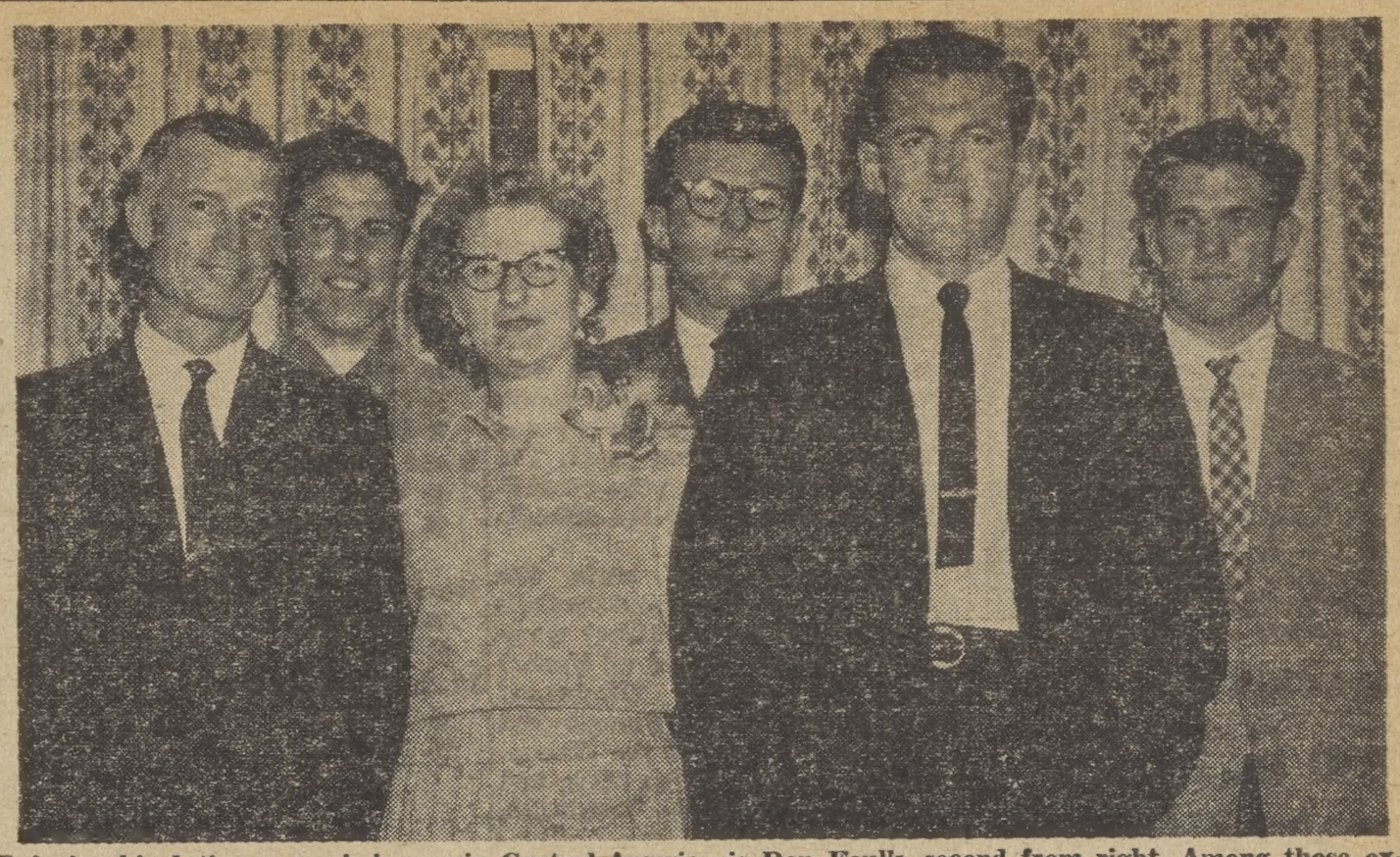
AEC Promotion For Russell Ball

Russell H. Ball of Orinda, formerly of the Berkeley First Ward, has been advanced in the local office of the Federal Atomic Energy Commission.

His official title is "Assistant Manager for Technical Operations of the San Francisco Operations Office of the AEC." This includes five Western States and all the AEC operations of the University of California in Berkeley, Livermore and elsewhere.

Three divisions are involved: 1) Special projects including the industrial uses of atomic energy; 2) the reactor division; 3) and the technical service division.

Mr. Ball's office will continue until May, when the new AEC building is completed on Bancroft Way, in Berkeley.



Enjoying his duties as a missionary in Central America is Don Foulk, second from right. Among those extending farewell wishes to the young Pleasant Hill missionary prior to his departure were his family, from left, Don Sovereign; his brother Bill; his mother, Marion Sovereign, and brothers David and Roger Foulk, from left. Photo by Herb Macey.

Pleasant Hill Ward

Memories Crowding In Now, But Sights Set On New Chapel

By Dora Friedrich

Within the new year comes the time to reminisce about the days and deeds gone by—and then to place them on the shelf of memories to make room in our hearts and minds for new ideas and new goals . . . members of the Pleasant Hill Ward family have set an ambitious goal for themselves — not only in 1960, but in several years to come . . . with plans for a beautiful new Ward chapel just in the formative stage.

In cooperation with Bishop Von R. Nielsen and Counselors Bill Matthews and Clarence Curtis, Elder Keith McCune has held meetings with Ward members to outline building fund needs. Bishop Nielsen, during a recent Sacrament meeting, said that he was highly pleased with the wonderful response of all members in making their pledges.

NEW MEMBERS

Accolades are due the missionaries who labor so earnestly the year 'round to bring new members into the Church. According to Archie Madsen, new members brought into the Ward in 1959 by Stake missionaries were Frances McCollum, Don Sovereign, Burt Daniels, Vivian Daniels, Karen Daniels, Glenn Daniels, Susan Daniels, Laurie Daniels, Jack Straub, Freda Straub, Dan Straub, Denny Straub and Dona Straub; Linda Seegmiller and Jane Green.

Field missionaries brought in two teen-agers, Keith Boyles and Deana Stucki; Raymond Jacobson, Stephen Dracopoulos, adults; members of the Harold Thomas Jr. family - Harold, Jean, Sandra and Linda; and two other youngers, Susan Henry and Mary Hatch.

And a warm welcome to our newest field missionary who hails from Rupert, Idaho., Elder Laron Johnson, who joins Elder Russell Miller from Idaho Falls, Ida., here.

Bassinet set members in the news this month are newly blessed youngsters - Gordon Markell Fluckinger; Tamara Renee Stillwell, Julie Lee Swanson, Brian Edward Burham, Jonathan Stewart Larsen, Paula Krumperman and Garney Kenneth Claywell.

Those who have been confirmed recently include Eleanor Jane Murphy Greer, Charles Joseph Carey, Jay Dean Johnson, Rex Alan Spendlove and John Claud Goddard.

NEWLY MARRIED

Leaving the eligible bachelor ranks to take lovely brides were Brothers Elden Alger and Dick McManus.

Temple rites united Elden and his charming Vearl Guyman Harrison, who visited several temples before returning to Pleasant Hill to make their home.

Dick's bride is the former Janet Cantrell Lamb of La Grande, Ore . . . . they too are receiving friends.

A bright new idea is planned for the Mutual Improvement Association, with Bette Evans, newly named president of the Young Women's MIA, and Lynn Slaugh, superintendent of the Young Men's MIA, directing activities.

Among new staff members are Marian Sovereign, Mia Maid instructor; Joanne Rhodes, having her first MIA experience as a Beehive teacher (and her enthusiasm is showing); Jennie White, young women's age group counselor, Bernice Gray, Era director; Herb Macey, young men's age group counselor, and Jack O' Drisco, Jack Straub and Woody Allred, on the scouting staff.

With other young people of the Ward, MIA'ers are enjoying the special fireside meetings held each Sunday evening at 6:15 o' clock featuring messages from the Apostles of the Church on Youth Guidance . . . they are also looking forward to participation in a one-act play on Feb. 24 - an original by Drama director Carole Slaugh; and to the "Cupid International" Valentine dance on Feb. 10.

INSTRUCTOR HONORED

Also feted by her many friends in Pleasant Hill Ward was Ramona Price, who, with hubby Ted will leave in mid-February for Tokyo, Japan, where Ted will continue his work with the United States Immigration Department, with headquarters in the Embassy Building there.

Ted estimates that at least one third of his years have been spent in the Orient . . . this was where he served his mission, and in his work he has been somewhat of a commuter.

Via the airlanes and roadways, Pleasant Hill Warders have enjoyed a variety of trips. One of the nicest Sacrament meetings recently was the one devoted to talks by young students home from college.

Anne Pleasant enjoyed a visit with her mother, Mrs. Effie Pleasant, in Oklahoma City; the Al Kaisers and Bud Peacocks journeyed together to Torrance, Calif., where they visited friends; Pfc. Don Cleveland spent a 35 day furlough here from his San Diego Marine Base, then his parents drove him south.

Among those called to new duties are Lela Kaufman, who was released as a Sunday School teacher to assist hubby Jim with his work as Ward finance clerk; Wanda Hilton, who will teach the Sunday School genealogy class, and Jean Williams, who will serve as a genealogy home teacher.

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Livermore Ward

First Full-time Missionary Mark of Progress in Ward

By Earlene Clement

The passing of 1959 has left within the hearts of all Livermore Ward members, a greater appreciation for the word "Progress." Several new milestones were reached. Livermore is starting the new year off right by contributing its first full-time missionary—Elder Neil B. Blair. Elder Blair is a long time resident of the Northern California area. He said, "I was born in Stockton, but raised in the Hayward, San Leandro and Livermore area. I attended High School in San Leandro and Livermore, then graduated from Livermore Union High in 1956. The fall after graduation I started school at the Brigham Young University and the next year I attended San Jose State."

Elder Neil B. Blair, first full-time missionary from Livermore Ward, will labor in Western States Mission. (Photo by Al Scheuller)

Elder Blair did not attend College his last quarter of 1959. He took time out from his studies for a corneal transplant, which restored his vision perfectly. Elder Blair said he plans to continue his studies two years from now, which will be just as soon as he returns from his Western States Mission.

The parents of Elder Blair are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton John Bliar of Livermore. Brother and Sister Blair are helping their son with all expenses incurred during his two year mission. Elder Blair's Testimonial was held during Sacrament Meeting, Jan. 17, after which, he left for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City for a week.

Choir Organized

Another bit of progress, was the organization of a ward choir. Each member has been given a special call for this position. Lucinda Reeves is choir director; Winifred Griggs, organist. Sister Griggs came from Idaho and was unavailable for interview. Sister Reeves, who is a comparatively new member of the ward, calls Yuba City, California, her home town. When she was interviewed, Sister Reeves proudly said, "My maiden name was 'Payne'," and of 13 children I am the youngest daughter of Ezra C. Payne, former patriarch of Gridley Stake, now Patriarch in Salt Lake City." She is a 1957 Graduate of the BYU, with majors in Business Education and vocal music education. She has two small sons, aged 16 months and 5 months; and one husband, of course.

New choir members are; sopranos - Barbara Conway, Jane Davis, Sue Hickenlooper, Doris Shaw, Earline Clement, Marlene Silver, Lorraine Simons; Alto - R. Lu Allen, Lola Cummings, Lorraine Jellinghausen, Cleon Parker, Winnie Wilson, Jerry Carling; Tenors - Bob Allen, Dave Cummings, Kenneth McLaughlin, Joel Osborne, Phil Parmeter, Elder Humphreys; Bass - Bill Conway, Jim Davis, Ray Griggs, Cal Harthun, Monte Hickenlooper, Bill Silver, and Elder Stewart.

The closing hours of 1959 presented Livermore with two full-time Missionaries; Elder Roy Stewart and Elder Eldon Humphreys. Elder Stewart is from Sandy, Utah. He is senior companion, having just six months remaining to his missionary time. Elder Humphreys however, is new in the mission field. Livermore is his first missionary field of Labor. He is from Richfield, Utah.

Because Livermore was such an unfruitful city, being predominately Catholic, the full time missionaries were removed several years ago. However, with the influx of population to the area this year, the missionaries returned.

Priesthood Holder

James Cleek was sustained and set apart as a new priesthood holder during January. Brother Cleek is a recent convert to the Church along with his wife Yvonne. Sister Cleek has been asked to be a teacher in the Primary.

Nelson Ranney was baptized by his father, Wilbur L. Ranney at the Inter-stake Center. He was also confirmed by his father.

The Sunday School Superintendency was recently changed. Marshall Ihrig has taken the place of Curtis Finch as second Counselor. No replacements were sustained for Marlton Simons, Superintendant, and Clifford Sorensen, first Counselor. Brother Ihrig was Genealogy teacher for the Sunday School and is at present holding both positions until he can be replaced in his teacher position. He is another newcomer of the year

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"WELL DONE. . .' Bishop Heber James Brown, Castro Valley ward, shakes the hand of Elder Charles T. Smith upon the completion of his mission to the Central States. Witnessing the welcome home are Counselors G. Douglas Wardell, left and George P. Blazin. —Photo by Chuck Ruiz.

SYDNE ROGERS

Walnut Creek Ward

Sydne Rogers Award Winner

By Lois Butler

Honors have come in bunches for Sydne Michele Rogers, member of the Walnut Creek Ward, senior at Las Lomas High School, rally commissioner of the student body. Recently she received the following awards:

Outstanding Senior Girl Citizenship Award, given by Daughters of the American Revolution.

Youth-of-the-Month Award given by the Optimist service club, a national organization which presents this outstanding citizenship award.

Last year Sydne won the Girls' State Award and the Outstanding Citizenship Award for Junior Girl.

Sydne is active in the Church and has been conscientious in attendance.

2 Wards to Join In Gold and Green Ball February 26

By Virginia Ringwood

The annual Gold and Green Ball of the San Lorenzo First and Second Wards will be held jointly at the Church, 175 Grant Ave., Feb. 26.

Entertainment will include a Spanish folk dance and a square dance number by the San Lorenzo First Ward under the direction of Darwin Crane, president of the YMMIA and a dance number by the San Lorenzo Second Ward under the direction of Pat Slade, dance director of the YMMIA.

Gala decorations will be by the San Lorenzo Second.

The event, semi-formal, will feature the music of a local dance band.

Castro Valley Ward

Charles Smith Reports Mission

"The Kingdom of God has truly been established here on earth and it is our mission, as a Church, to bring souls into it," Elder Charles T. Smith told Castro Valley ward members in an address occasioned by his recent return from his mission in the Central States. He served in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas.

Elder Smith reported to a full Chapel of members ands friend that the apathy of the people to whom he had tried to present the Gospel message caused much concern in the mission field. He believed that we were perhaps not fulfilling our calling, as members and missionaries, with enough fervor. That perhaps we depend too much upon our human faculties and not enough upon the manifestation of a testimony gained through the power o f the Holy Ghost.

Bishop Heber James Brown called upon members of Elder Smith's family, his parents and brother and sister, to share the pulpit. Sister Mary Bolles presented the vocal music.

Because Elder Smith arrived home with a severe virus infection he gave his family and the bishopric a tense, worrying afternoon since up until a few minutes of meeting time he was completely voiceless! However he was able to greet the many friends and family members who came to the reception in his honor hosted by Bishop and Sister Brown in their Crow Canyon home.

Elder Smith was invited to speak before the meeting of the Hayward Stake presidency and high council and at the general Stake Priesthood meeting. On his journey home Brother Smith accepted an offer with a company in Houston, Texas, where he will have an opportunity to further his career as an electronics engineer. He left for his new appointment within seven days of his return home.

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STIRRING MUSIC for the San Francisco Stake Conference was provided by these people, members of the Stake Primary Chorus. They were directed by Lillian Allen, with Marjorie Craft at the piano. —Photo by Robert E. Collins.

San Francisco Stake

New Home Missionary Plan Presented by Elder Taylor

By Echo May

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Twelve, presented the San Francisco Stake Leadership with the great new Home Missionary Project of the Church on Jan. 9. He used the colored slide method of presentation, adding to the well-planned sequence, the color of his well-modulated voice.

It is felt that by co-operation and united efforts of the MIA, Primary, Relief Society, Scouts, Sunday School and Priesthood groups under the leadership of the bishops, our membership, especially the young people, may be more adequately sheilded from the tribulations now being suffered by many of the young people of inactive families.

Thus, the active membership will reach out to stir inactive members into an activity necessary to protect them from being swallowed up by the evil influences loose in the world today and lost to happiness and usefulness.

The song, by the mixed quartette, Paul and Karen Murdock, Karen Rushton and Leonard Clove, accompanied by Dixie Jones, was called "Service" to which the four gave a joyful meaning by their lively cadence.

The first quartrly conference of 1960 in San Francisco Stake was presided over by Elder Henry D. Taylor and conducted by President Irven G. Derrick, who set the theme "Be Faithful always" from youth to age.

The President stated "We can never be a success unless we are a success in the home." The responsibility of parents is terrific. A parent should feel as he looks at his child, "Let me be just what you are trusting."

We have 12 on foreign missions - 40 on stake missions - 54 in armed service - missions. There were 1500 in attendance at this January Conference.

Down the aisles on both sides of the chapel came the little people, swaying to the rhythm of the measured movement Majorie Craft brought from the piano; up passed the beautiful arrangement of heather and margarites, to join their companions already in the choir seats, and in orderly fashion faced front, their badge-covered green primary emblem hanging around their necks. And then - they sang! A hundred and fifty voices responding to the dynamic direction of Lillian Allen. Many an eye glistened as those little men and women of the future sang, "I Am a Child of God," and one could know that the world wasn't too bad - not yet, with such an army of God's children facing life.

Warren Pugh, the new president of the Northern California Mission, and his lovely wife, were introduced to the conference. President Pugh advised parents to read the 68th Section of Doctrine and Covenants, part of which is, "He that believeth shall be blest with signs following, even as it is written." He said, "One needs missionary work, he advised that when members gave the missionaries contacts, that results were much better than from "cold" tracting.

Elder Le Roy A. Wirthlin, director of Church Welfare Plan, said, among other things, that is was perhaps a bit harder for members far from the center of Zion to understand the words of the leaders, but that "The word of the Lord (does) come to the prophet," and how the Civil Defense authorities were taken through the Welfare Center, and told of its plan. One of their members exclaimed, "This is a Civil Defense natural! You have food centers all over. And food distribution is the main thing in Civil Defense. Where did you get the idea?" It came by revelation to Heber J. Grant, who also said, "Do not buy what you cannot pay for at the time." "Keep the Commandments. Read 1 Cor. 2:9: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Elder Taylor reminded the congregation of many ways and times of revelation from Paul's on the road to Damascus to Brother Stapley's power of discernment in selecting a new patriarch in Florida. That revelations do continue to come to the chosen people through the prophet - so many, that one could not carry all of them around if they were in books.

After the prayer by Willie Feagaimaalii president of the Polynesian Branch. at the 2 o'clock session President Derrick gave a glowing account of the faithful works of the entire Polynesian people in San Francisco.

Bishop Willard Barton, first counselor in the Presidency, spoke at length on the unrest of peoples in all ages and times; Of insecurity and their inconsistency; also about his mission on which he learned to feel secure by replacing insecurity by faith through activity in the Lord's work.

Brother Dale Ensign, second counselor in the Presidency, told of the uncovering of the rock on which the names of Lehi and Nephi are written, and of brotherly love being the essence of christianity.

Elder Wirthlin admonished that only by full obedience to a law does one receive the blessing. He told of a miraculous operation and healing of a cancer patient who received the blessing because of the fasting and prayer of her people.

Shelia Peterson, with Zonia Taylor at the piano, conducted the MIA Chorus in several songs, especially "The Youth of Zion."

Elder Taylor in conclusion dwelt on the urgent subject of Temple marriage. He gave statistics: In 1958, San Francisco Stake had 86 marriages, only 40 in the Temples, and in 1959, 61 marriages, with only 14 in the Temples. To off-set this sad record, it was suggested that our young people study in the seminaries. He told of a "Drive-In-Marriage Chapel" in Yuma, and that marriage in the world is given an automatic divorce by the phrase "until death do ye part." Only in the Temple can one get the real marriage for Time and for Eternity. Marriage is a give and take affair, but "men are creating a better world for their wives to live in - alone." Men are leaving the world full of widows. Be companions after marriage as well as before - side by side.

He told of a man who had three sons. At tithing time, he went out to the corral to pick out the best cattle he had. His sons objected, and asked why he didn't take the cows as they came instead of all the best. He told them that he and their mother had knelt in prayer after they were married in the temple and asked God for choice spirits, "And we think God answered our prayers and sent us choice spirits. You don't think we're going to pay for scrubs!"

One father said he was living so his sons when told they were like him, would stick out their chests, instead of their tongues.

San Mateo Stake

Cottage Meetings, Central File Sparking Interest tn Genealogy

Two innovations in genealogy have been instituted recently in San Mateo Stake. A series of cottage meetings to get people interested in genealogy as a hobby was begun in Redwood Ciy ward; and Aileen Weaver, Genealogy leader of the Stake Sunday School, has started a central file for genealogical information that will, it is hoped, grow to embrace the Bay Area.

Cottage meetings began in December with a social at the Robert Enger home. In January the first class meeting was held at the same residence.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

It is planned to hold a meeting each month, rotating among homes of those interested. Half of the meeting will be given to games and refreshments, the other half to genealogy lesson. Sarah Green is the class teacher.

It is felt that the social aspect will draw more people than a series of lessons at the chapel of an evening.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Aileen Weaver, 229 Center St., Redwood City, February 12, 8 p.m. All interested people are invited.

The central card file was begun almost a year ago, but given a big boost by Leadership Week at the Interstake Center in Oakland, when Willard Stephens compiled a list of visitors to the event as secretary of the adult genealogy class held there.

CENTRAL FILE

Aileen Weaver is working through the Sunday schools on the project, which is to get a genealogical history on 5 x 7 cards for placement in a central file.

The cards are filled out with name, birthdate and place, names of ancestors being worked on, where they were born and when, as far back as the person has gone in his personal genealogy. Anyone in the area working on names can check the file to see what has been done with families in which he is interested, and to see who can be contacted for information.

To date, the central file has been started only in San Mateo stake, but other stakes have been contacted, and it is expected that this aid to a vital work will mushroom in the area.

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Oakland Fourth Ward

Rewarding Job For 10 Years; They Haven't Missed a Month

By Vera Johnston

Sisters Jennie Paine, left, and Johanna Scheuller are pictured here as they do their visiting teaching. They have done this rewarding job for the past 10 years without missing a month.

Sister Paine, who was born in Logan, Utah, to parents converted in Sweden, went to school in Logan and in 1914 was married to Robert Paine. In 1932 she and her family moved to Oakland; she has been active in the Primary, a secretary and always a visiting teacher i n the Relief Society. When Beatrice Larsen was president she accepted the responsibilities of coordinator and since then has done the job well. Her husband is serving as stake patriarch.

LIVED IN HOLLAND

Sister Scheuller, who also is enthusiastic about Church work, became a member in 1912 when she resided in Holland. She and her family came to America in 1920, first living in New York state, then Utah.

From Utah the Scheullers came to California and while living in Oakland fulfilled a two-year mission to their homeland, 1947-49. In the fall of 1949 she was asked to do visiting teaching and in addition she and her husband, now deceased, fulfilled a stake mission.

Ann Martin and Sister Donague had arranged to do missionary work on a recent Thursday. An address was obtained from Iona Raynolds so Ann went to the door to get it while her companion waited. The house was dark. Ann rang the bell. It was answered by Sister Reynolds who invited Ann in. When the lights were switched on Ann heard "Surprise! Surpirse!" She knew then why she had to secure the address. She saw that the place had been decorated in the valentine motif and soon learned that Virginia Young and her mother had arranged this surprise shower in her honor. The evening was enjoyed making aprons of crepe paper and playing other games. Each guest brought a can of food that had the label torn off. These were hidden. The bride-to-be tried to determine the contents of each can as she found it. Cakes made in heart shape, decorated with flowers and had Ann and Ben written on them were part of the refreshments. After the gifts were opened the crepe aprons and a heart shaped one made in red organdie decorated with white lace was presented to the honored guest as keepsakes. Ann will be married Feb. 15 to Benjamin Wilson. Guests were Sister Donohgy, Barbara Martin, Janet Young, Barbara Wright, Jill Hawkins, Cheryl Poore, Nora Verhaaren, Barbara Lewis, Vicki Savage, Francine Lamp and Parry Rae Dent.

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San Mateo Stake

Don Harveys Wed In Temple

By Gladys Lemmon

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glenn Harvey were united in marriage in the Los Angeles Temple Dec. 19 by President o f the temple, Benjamin L. Bowring. The young couple are now residing in Provo where Donald is completing his studies in accounting at the Brigham Young University.

Alice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenton of San Mateo Second Ward and Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kindred E. Harvey of Blythe, California. Jean was graduated from the BYU in 1959 and plans on teaching in the Provo high schools. Donald is a returned missionary from the Spanish-American Mission, 1954-56. The young couple met while attending the BYU where they were both active in social and service organizations.

An open house was held for the newlyweds at the home of the benedict's sister, Mrs. James Curry, of Blythe, on Dec. 21. On Dec. 26 Mr. and Mrs. Fenton honored the young couple with a reception in the San Mateo Second Ward chapel. In a setting of gold, white and red, with bouquets of holly berries adding a holiday note, the guests were greeted and registered by Carol Dawn Lee of San Francisco. Attending the bride were Mrs. Joanne LeMay, Matron of honor, and sister of the bride, and Misses Anne Sheffield of Los Altos and Carolyn Broberg, bridesmaids. Bill Cheeseman served as best man and Ray and Alvin Harvey, brothers of the groom, were ushers.

Police Arrest 'Y' Safecrackers

Brigham Young University security officers and Provo police officers Jan. 4 caught two men attempting to crack a safe in the cashier's office of the Maeser Building on the "Y" campus.

The burglary occurred on the first day of winter quarter when hundreds of students had paid tuition and fees. But most of the money had been picked up earlier in the day by an armored car.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

James M. Baird and Lona Mary Jacobson announced their engagement Christmas at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Majorie West, of Concord. Lona, a pre-med student from Minnesota is at present working in the Permanente Medical Group but intends to continue her course at the University of California. She was investigating the gospel when Jimmie met her and is still doing so, hoping to join the church soon. James, son of Earl and Lorraine Baird was born in Lake City and came to Oakland in 1941 with his parents. They went to Oakland Third ward and then moved to the Oakland Fourth.

Ht has been active in Sunday School, Mutual and Priesthood work. He joined the Marine Corps reserve in 1951 while in high School and in 1953 he joined the regular corps. At the present he is a sergeant in the intelligence unit. The two were married on Jan 23. Lona's father Charles L. Jacobs, retired marine officer, and mother, came from Minnesota to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Harvey, married in Los Angeles Temple, now residing in Provo. (Photo By Ed Costa)

Los Altos Ward

Riches Launches Business Service

L. Victor Riches, a Seventy in the Los Altos Ward and professionally an economist specializing in business research, has established an organization to serve both private industry and public agencies in business development. Under the designation, Riches Research, Inc., it occupies offices in suite 201, Town and Country Village, Palo Alto.

Elder Riches, its president, was formerly on the staff of Stanford Research Institute, as senior economist, and is currently a member of the Los Altos City Planning Commission.

Associated with Riches, by a curious coincidence of names, is Golden Poor, an LDS elder from Orem, Utah, where he and his wife, were active in Orem Second Ward. Poor holds both a law degree and that of Master of Business Administration. The organization includes also an advisory council composed of specialists in diverse business and professional fields.

In the conduct of business research which requires broad knowledge, foresight, a high degree of integrity, and other qualities basic to the confidence of one's clientele, Riches pays tribute to his religious background and training. The Church, he explains, lays the groundwork for the qualities needed and likewise provides experience in public speaking and conducting meetings. He and his wife, Gwen, have five children, all members of the Los Altos Ward.

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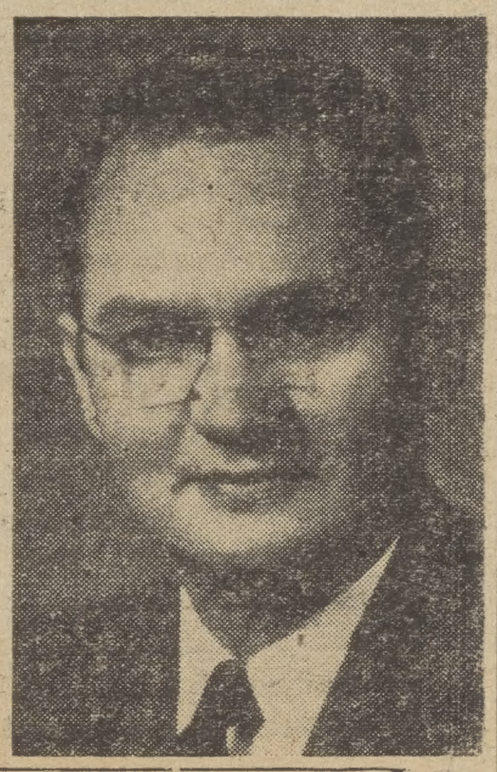

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Centerville Ward

Home New Year's Great Success

By Gladys Clayson

Because of the long drive on New Year's Eve., Centerville Ward decided to have its own Dinner Dance at home. It was a gala affair and can really be called a success. There were about 120 people in attendance and everyone danced to the best bands in the country, recorded on stereo tape. This was especially nice for the enthusiastic dancers because there was no waiting around for the orchestra to rest. Even though it was taped, people were still able to make special requests.

The decorations were excellent, thanks to Mel Payne. Gladys Clayson was decoration chairman but claims Mel had all the good ideas. The others who helped with decorations were Roland Miller, Harold Clayson, Marion Eatchel and Wallace Seavers. There was a gigantic basket made out of crepe paper and a hula hoop filled with balloons and hung from the center of the ceiling. At the stroke of midnight the basket was pulled down and balloons went in all directions. Everyone received a jolly hat when entering the dance and noise makers and serpentine were handed out later in the evening. Needless to say there was a great deal of noise bringing in the New Year. Afterwards tables laden with food were rolled out and everyone enjoyed a delicious feast. The main dishes were turkey and ham complemented with various salads and hos d'oeurves, and pie was served for dessert. Those in charge of the food were Ed and Burma Maughan with expert help from Fred Haycock. Rose Winkel and Marge Blout were in charge of selling tickets. Many thanks go to those who worked so hard to bring this dance to a successful conclusion, and certainly we must thank the High Priests who pitched in after all was over and cleaned up the debris.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the Ward had an excursion to the Los Angeles Temple. The excursion left Friday evening by bus and arrived in Los Angeles in time for the first session. Most of the group was able to go through two sessions before leaving at 3:00 p.m. In all there were 39 people who went on the trip, 34 from Centerville Ward, two from Santa Cruz and three from Hayward Third Ward. Two couples went to the temple for the first time and took out their own endowments and sealed as man and wife. These were Elder and Sister Wallace Livingston and Elder and Sister Carlton Rowe. In all there were 54 endowments and four sealings, two of which were for the dead, done by the group. The trip was considered well worthwhile and those who attended are looking forward to the next excursion, which will be May 15.

The High Priests had a social Jan. 17, at the Clyde Lindsey home. Brothers Smead and Shurtliff from the High Priests Presidency were in attendance. Each member of the group told of their New Year's resolutions and what the Church means to them. On the program was a double duet sung by Ed and Burma Maughan and Rose and Frances Winkel.

The MIA is putting on the play "Boy Friend For Dinner" which is a one act comedy. It is to be put on February 23rd. Shirlee Call is directing the play and those acting in it are Will Anderson, Maureen and Wayne McKinley, Wallace Seavers, Janie Furbee, Richard Winkel, Ronald Price and Brent Brown. The members of the cast have worked hard on this play and the MIA officers urge everyone's support.

Diane Taylor is the new attendance secretary in the YWMIA, replacing Marge McDonnell, who we thank for a job well done.

The adult fireside had for their speaker both meetings this month Roland "Bud" Baldwin, who is a former member of our ward. He spoke on the "Relationship of Science and Mormonism" and "Good and Evil Before the Great War in Heaven," both very interesting and thought provoking subjects. It was nice having "Bud" and his wife with us again, it was a great loss to our ward when they moved. The Baldwins are now living in Campbell where he is a High School teacher.

Marion Rex, 11 years old, daughter of Measer and Dorothy Rex, has been in the hospital with Pnuemonia.

Boy Scout Troup 10 of the Centerville Ward had a rough weather camp-out the week-end of the 16th. They slept over night in tents and cooked their breakfast out. During the day the boys did some target and trap shooting, archery, indian relic digging and had a good time in the snow. In all there were eighteen boys and four adults. Hardld Clayson, Scout Master, Ed Maughan, Neighborhood commissioner, Dan Bodily, Troop Committee Member, and Dick Fulkerson, Assistant Scout Master.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS . . . Bishop Heber James Brown, standing right, joins Sister LaRee Orgill, Education Committe chairman, in surveying the young members of Castro Valley ward who are presetly attending college. The group presented the program at a recent Sacrament meeting while they were home for Christmas. —Photo by Chuck Ruiz.

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Berkeley First Honors Leaders

The members of the Berkeley First Ward will honor the retiring bishopric Sunday, February 14 at and following the regular sacrament service which begins at 5 p.m. in the Berkeley Ward Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley.

Bishop Leland J. Fife, affectionately called "Jack", and his two counselors Mack F. Hughes and Carl E. Johnson have served the ward faithfully for about five years

Ward Clerk D. Emerton Williams has served as clerk over all this period, and is continuing under the new bishopric. His present two assistant ward clerks are N. Palmer Clark and Russell Horiuchi.

A new bishopric was sustained January 10. consisting of Bishop James E. Sabine with counselors Spenser J. Palmer and Arthur Q. Wood, and with the same ward clerks that served with Bishop Fife.

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San Mateo Stake

Language Lab Aids Students

By Gay Taylor

Learning to speak a foreign language before reading and writing is the method used with students in Sequoia High School's new Language Laboratory and educational program financed in part by the National Defense Education Act. The 16 booth laboratory — something new in the area and designed to act as a pilot plant—was equipped with tape records for recording and listening by Sterling Sound owned by Stan Reynolds of Burlingame Ward. With this equipment students will be able to listen to tapes made by the language teachers and native speakers, then make recordings of their own on the same dual-track tape. Subsequent students can record their own voices at the same time erasing the previous students' voices without erasing the voice of the speaker.

The job of setting up the language laboratory came to Stan—as so many other sales have come in the past three years—as though in answer to prayer. In fact he and his wife Rusty—popular leader of the Specialaires of San Mateo Stake—give full credit to their membership in the Church (they are both converts) with its teachings of faith for their ability to keep their shop going. It was started less than three years ago and, at that, mostly on a hope and a prayer and been many crises have arisen in that time. Their shop is now a going concern with a good selection of various combinations of machines and of tapes and records.

An interesting feature of Stan's tape collection is the group of tapes put out by the Brigham Young University. Some of the titles are: "Personal Prayer" by Dillworth Young; "Search for God" by Hugh Brown; "Search for Peace in the Gospel" by George Q. Morris; Commencement Speech to the graduating Class of 1958 by Cecil B. deMille; and many others including recordings of the Tabernacle Choir and some San Mateo conference speeches. These tapes may be borrowed free of charge at any time.

San Carlos Ward

Couple Married In Swiss Temple

Miss Marilyn Schenk of Wenatchee, Washington and Elder Roland Griffin were married Jan. 16, in the Temple in Berne, Switzerland.

The bride, who met Roland while both were attending Brigham Young University, is the daughter of Mrs. Viola Schenk, also of Wenatchee. She has one sister, Mrs. Jerry Goodwin of Hayward. Miss Schenk, who majored in education, has been teaching for the past two years in her home town.

Elder Griffin, son of Brother and Sister Ivan Griffin of the San Carlos Ward, has been serving in the French Mission for the past two and one-half years. He has served in France, Belgium and Switzerland and was second counselor to the mission president.

The bridegroom, who has a younger brother, Paul, a sophomore at Carlmont, was graduated from Sequoia High school and attended Brigham Young for three years, majoring in electrical engineering before entering the mission field.

The couple will honeymoon for two months in Europe and will return to the United States aboard the S.S. United States early in March. They will come to the Peninsula and on March 12 a reception will be held at the Redwood City-San Carlos Chapel.

James Sparks Eulogized For Aid to Gospel

By Dallas S. Burch

How a Kentucky farm boy of limited education and means became, through his devotion to the Church, one of the most highly respected and deeply loved members of the Los Altos Ward was revealed in eulogies at the funeral rites for elder James F. Sparks, who died Dec. 31, soon after his 84th birthday.

Born on a farm near Mt. Sterling, Ky., December 11, 1875, he became successively a coal miner, veteran of the Spanish-American War, woodsman, and railroad worker. Yet throughout this varied career which took him to many states and Canada, often among rough men in lumber and mining camps, he discussed, taught, and lived the Gospel, which had been brought to his family in Kentucky by Mormon missionaries.

He had been ordained an elder in 1910 and in this capacity he performed many ordinances and duties, including temple work in Mesa, Ariz. Placing service to others above the accumulation of wordly goods he gave generously of his limited means in support of the Church and its auxiliary organizations. After coming to Santa Clara County, Calif. in 1927, he was among the early sponsors and financial supporters of the building program for the Los Altos Ward chapel.

Sunset Ward

Sunset Basketball Team Wins Stake Championship

By Jean Lauper

Sunset Ward has reason to be very proud of its fine young people. The Junior Basketball team just won the stake championship, and in February will be competing with other teams in their class during the four day interstake tournament. Pete Giles is captain, and playing on the team are Jim Boettcher, Jim Walsh, Fred Brim, Dave Thomas, Doug Smith, Doug Aaron, Dennis Brown, Don and Dick Pratling. The team is wearing handsome new red and white uniforms.

Sunset's Seminary class, under the fine leadership of Ruby McDonald, has also se t some records. The attendance remains consistently good, and because of rides provided by adults, all young people are taken to their schools later. On Jan. 2, the whole group had a wonderful snow outing. Driven by Irven McDonald, Hal Lauronen and George Aaron they left while still dark for Soda Springs where they had a day of fun. Pete Giles, then president, was in charge of all arrangements. New officers have now been installed and are: John Storheim, president; Doug Aaron, vice president; David Thomas, secretary; Bonnie Lauper, chorister; with Dennis Brown and Margaret McDonald accompanists.

Not many people in the ward know that John Storheim is a brillian trumpeter and an outstanding

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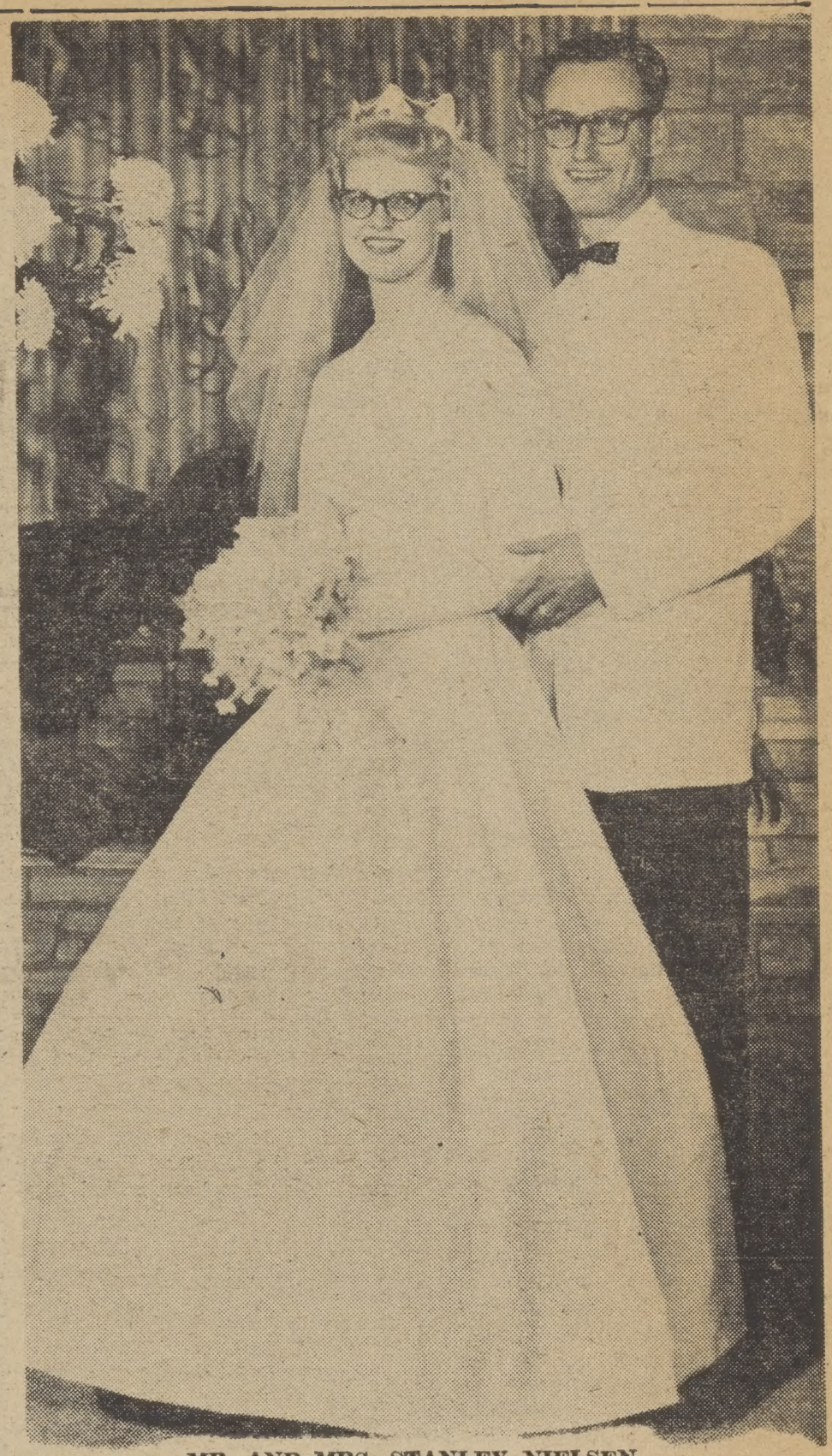

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY NIELSEN

Oakland Fourth Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nielsen Now Residing in Sacramento

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley James Nielsen are residing in Sacramento following their marriage in the Los Angeles Temple by President Bowring and a reception in Oakland Fourth Ward attended by 600 guests. Their marriage was solemnized Dec. 4.

The bride is the former Karen Lee Hansen, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Hansen of San Leandro Second Ward, who traveled south for the nuptials. Also in the temple for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, formerly of San Leandro, and Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Thomas, formerly of Oakland and Berkeley. Karen is an alumna of Brigham Young University and since her return from school has been working in Junior Sunday School and as secretary of the YMMIA in San Leandro.

WEDDING GOWN

Karen's wedding gown, designed and made by her mother, is of princess lines, fashioned of peau de soie with an empire bodice, bateau neckline and tapered sleeves of imported Alencon lace. Appliques of the lace were used on the skirt, with tiny seed pearls outlining the pattern. A tiara of pearls held her veil of illusion and she carried a bouquet of stephonotis and phalaenopsis orchids.

Her sister Jane Hansen was junior maid of honor and was in a pink taffeta and organza dress with sheath skirt in front and a softly pleated back. In frocks of darker hue were the bridesmaids, including Vilate Gardner of Berkeley, Janeen Robison of Delta, Utah, Stephanie Webster of Los Angeles, and Anah Visscher of San Leandro. Each carried two pink roses.

Tom Hansen, brother of the bride, was best man; acting ushers were Vic Nielsen, Neil White, Mack Griffith and Clyde Harris.

U.C. GRADUATE

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of California and the son of Mrs. Paul Still of Oakland, and Clayton Nielsen of Castro Valley. He has been active in the Church all of his life and has held office and discharged duties in nearly all fields of endeavor within the priesthoods, as well as in the auxiliaries. He formerly was in Oakland Third Ward.

After the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. John Webster of Los Angeles entertained the newlyweds at a luncheon, to which friends and relatives living in the Southland were invited.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Hansen was in a pink satin sheath with draped neckline and panelled skirt. Mrs. Still was in a frock of beige silk organza, with lace midriff in the bodice and softly pleated skirt. Both mothers wore orchid corsages.

After the wedding trip the couple returned to make their home in Torrance. But almost immediately Stan was transferred by the State of California, by whom he is employed, to a position with the California Youth Authority in Sacramento. There the Nielsens expect to remain indefinitely.

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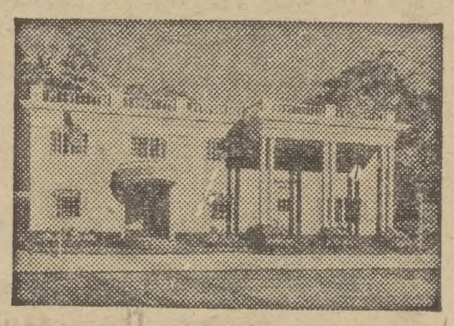

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Planning the annual Visiting Teachers' Convention, are Counselor Thelma Howard and President Beryl Warner of the San Mateo Stake Relief Society. Invitations have been sent to 250 visiting teachers, partners, and officers, for the event February 11 at 8 p.m. Which will be held in the Redwood City ward chapel. Feature of the convention will be the showing of a film, "Unto the Least of These," written by Christine Robinson of the General Board and produced by the BYU. According to Thelma Noward, who saw the film in Salt Lake, it is excellent spiritual, inspiring, and also interesting.

Rodeo Ward

Ken Baldwin Names Aides For MIA Job

By Emily Lidtka

Ken Baldwin, newly-sustained as superintendent of the Rodeo Ward Mutual Improvement Association, has chosen Arlen Haroldson and Eugene Kingdon as his counselors. Steve Echols is secretary and dance director. Others newly-sustained in MIA are Calvin Atwood, Don Hamblin, Herb Hampton, Ivy Gowens and Evelyn Childers.

The Alan Tuttles received the most handsome of their Christmas gifts on Dec. 28, Terry James, who weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. His paternal grandmother, Josephine Tuttle, came from Spanish Fork, Utah, to be on the welcoming committee. Terry has one brother and two sisters.

NEW SECRETARY

Omar Allman is the new secretary of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood, following the release of Delmar Lidtka. Les Oviatt was named gospel doctrine teacher to replace Joseph Miller, who moved to Las Vegas. Elizabeth Kingdon is teaching course 6. Replacing Henry and Leah Criddle as convert coordinators are the William Hunts. Florence Pryor has been called to the Stake Primary Board.

The Relief Society sisters spent an enjoyable work day. Tatting and sock darning were taught. Others did embroidery, crocheted, mended or sewed. The tasty luncheon was prepared and served by Grace Thomas and Florence Overson.

The Relief Society Presidency invites all women members to attend these meetings.

DEACONS ACTIVE

Stephen Draper has been ordained a deacon. Our deacons have been earning their bit toward the building fund by selling costume jewelry. The Primary continues to have cup cake sales.

Our new full time missionaries are Elders Kirkman and Bascom.

Monaloa Woods was hospitalized recently with a severe case of the flu. She is expecting a baby. Her children, her husband and her mother, Sister Smith, have been ill with the flu also.

The Primary and Mutual sponsored a "Luncheon is Served" on Friday, Jan. 29 at the V.F.W. Hall in Rodeo.

San Mateo Stake

Sudsy Project For Primary

If the new members of the San Mateo Stake Primary Board don't get to general conference in April, it will only be because of the failure of a devilishly clever scheme.

During Christmas the Primary sold candy to finance the trip. Some money was made, a pretty good sum. But, after all, there are limitations to selling candy. Too many people can say, "Never touch it."

So now they are selling shampoo.

Last year two carloads went back to conference; nine people. This year they should do better.

The new presidency is composed of Donna Peterkin, president; with Ruth Jarvis, first counselor; and Viva Barney, second.

The presidency has been busily filling the Stake Primary Board to be ready for the annual Penny Parade in February. The Board consists of Colleen Webb, Leona Hales, Nadine Wilcox, Esther Pierce, Carol Chaney, Dorothy Larsen Mary Brown, Lila Allred, Cora Burmester Natie Griffin, Melba Hansen and Shirley Bacciocio.

The Penny Parade, an annual event by which the Children's Hospital at Salt Lake City is supported, will be conducted on a different basis this year from the past. Instead of waiting for people to come into chapel lobbies with their pennies, the officers and teachers of the Primary will go out after them. Every home of every ward will be visited, every family assessed 2 cents per year of age.

YOUTHS HEAR ADVICE

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casts advance tape recordings of the talks will be made available for release concurrently with the radio addresses.

The young people assembled in some 5000 "firesides" will listen to the talks and then conduct their own discussions on the subject of the evening.

Subjects being covered include: adherance to high standards of conduct, responsibilities of young men and women t o each other in social dating, guarding against the evils of "petting," the problem of going steady and guideposts to and preparation for the right kind of marriage.

Groups in Hawaii, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand also are participating in the mammoth program.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

Could there be a more vital New Year resolution than to be determined in performing ward teaching and visiting teaching assignments diligently, every month during the rest of the year When we are called by the Lord to go forth in this choice undertaking — we are, as the title implies, **teachers**, not visitors alone. The responsibility of informing those who live in our districts is a sacred trust and we shall surely be held accountable for this responsibility. More than 500 years before Christ, an American Prophet wrote these words:

" For I Jacob, and my brother Joseph, had been consecrated priests and teachers of this people by the hand of Nephi. And we did magnify our office unto the Lord, taking upon us the responsibiity, **answering the sins of the people upon our own heads if we did not teach them the word of God with all diligence."**

JOYFUL TASK

Here is a testimony of two visiting teachers in San Francisco Stake to inspire you in joyfully performing your teaching assignments: These two sisters set aside one morning and sometimes two mornings each month to visit their assigned homes. They chose to go in the mornings because more of their people were at home during these hours. When they met to begin their happy day of visiting, they discussed the message they were to give, having previously studied it; then they knelt in prayer to ask the Lord to guide them on their way that they might be instruments in his hands in doing good. One of these sisters was a recent convert to the Church, so at her suggestion, they always carried with them a few missionary tracts and the four standard works of the Church to be prepared to answer questions that might be asked of them. She said she had learned that many life-long members of the Church were not fully informed about this wonderful gospel.

They met with a variety of women, one embittered lady who had almost severed her connection with the Church and young mothers who were so busy with their little children that they felt they could not take time to attend meetings. Few of the ladies they called upon were active in the Church.

HUSBAND IN SERVICE

At one home in particular, they encountered a pretty young mother whose husband was in the service. They had been married in the Temple and had two or three small children. She confided to the visiting ladies that she had no testimony of the truthfulness of this Church. She was about convinced that she should attend other churches in order to learn if this Church were true. She had been thoroughly confused by a couple who had been visiting her from another Church. This young Latter-day Saint mother confessed that she could not answer their challenging questions. She ha d lovely copies of the standard works of the Church in her home, but admitted that she had never really studied them.

"Don't you feel that you should be informed about what your own Church has to offer so that you can intelligently compare?" she was asked. She fully agreed and then and there, these two visiting teachers of the Relief Society gave her in abbreviated form, some of the missionary lessons and answered her more troubling questions. They stayed for an hour and on later visits she was eager to meet them with more questions and soon they saw her in Church with her family, happy as could be. She had met old friends there from her original home and her testimony began to grow.

FAMILY TRANSFERRED

She was in San Francisco only about three months after that, when she and her husband were transferred to another station. This Christmas, she sent a lovely card to these two humble ladies, which they will always treasure. It read in part:

"I've been wanting to tell you how I enjoyed your visits while in San Francisco. God must have sent you two ladies when I needed to know more of the gospel. I can never express the wonderful spirit I felt whenever you both came to visit me and to teach me what I needed to know. And I need to learn more. I never really doubted Mormonism, it was just because I was ignorant. May the Lord bless you and yours.

David Gardner In U.C. Post

David P. Gardner, a member of University Ward, is the new field director for the California Alumni Association. He took office in mid-January as successor to Clifford L. Dochterman, now assistant to president Clark Kerr of U.C.

Following his appointment to the position Elder Gardner resigned as administrative assistant and personnel manager of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

As field director Elder Gardner will be responsible for the alumni association's club program in more than 80 communities throughout the world. He also will direct the scholarship program which has assisted more than 3000 high school graduates and junior college trans- the university.

David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed S. Gardner of 425 Spruce Street, Berkeley, is a former student body president of Berkeley High School. He attended University of California and Brigham Young University and served with U.S. Army intelligence agencies in Japan and Korea from 1955 to 1957. In 1958 he was administrative intern in the office of Berkeley City Manager John D. Phillips.

Joining the Farm Bureau Federation staff in October, 1958, he completed work for a master's degree in political science, specializing in public administration in June, 1959, on the U.C. Berkeley campus.

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Pointing out a detail of the new addition to the San Mateo Stake Center is Bishop Worth Daniels of San Mateo Second ward to Keith Davis, construction boss. High concrete foundation beside the two men is where the front porch of the stake center used to be. Needless to say, the back door is being used until construction is complete.

San Mateo Stake

Solid Accomplishments Listed In Stake's Missionary Work

The San Mateo Stake looks back on the year 1959 with gratitude for accomplishments and progress made in missionary work. Upon two occasions the stake leaders received notes of commendation from Elder Spencer W. Kimball for the success of stake missionaries in bringing converts into the Church. Fo r the period ended August 31, 1959, San Mateo was in 14th position in the Stakes of the Church for the number of converts per missionary.

The total number of converts during 1959 amounted to 7, accomplished with an average of about 32 missionaries. What is most gratifying is the fact that nearly all have been integrated into full activity in the Wards and Branches of the Stake and are finding happiness through the gospel.

Priesthood Quorums also have played a role in missionary activity in 1959. The High Priest Quorum has been responsible for the placement of 79 copies of the Book of Mormon in motels and motels within the stake. Money was left or sent in for the purchase of 189 copies.

The 458th Quorum of Seventy has succeeded in placing tracts in a number of public places, bus depots, etc., and there is evidence that many have been picked up by interested people.

Both the Seventies and High Priests have contributed finances for the support of full-time missionaries.

Some excellent missionaries have gone forth from some of the Wards. Elder David A. Peterson from Burlingame Ward, is now in Germany. Elder Richard Skankey, from San Mateo, is in Norway. Elder John Parker, of Redwood City Ward, is in France.

A large number has been sent to Mexico and countries in South America. Elders James R. Young, San Mateo Ward, Clark D. Webb, Burlingame Ward, were assigned to Mexico. Sister Kay Burkinshaw, San Bruno Ward, is laboring in Argentina. Elder James W. Ohran is in Uruguay. Elder Owen K. Peterson, San Mateo Second Ward, is assigned to the Andes Mission in Peru.

On January 10, 1960 Elder Roland I. Griffith received an honorable release from the French Mission where he has been serving as Second Counselor to President Edgar B. Brossard of the French Mission. It was under his direction that the new "French Mission Plan for the Presentation of the Gospel" was developed and the French Mission is deeply grateful to him.

Burlingame Ward

Elder Peterson Keepng Busy

By Ivalou Baldwin

Elder David Peterson of Burlingame Ward is enthusiastic and happy in the North German mission. He is working in Kiel and reports the missionaries have so many investigators, it is difficult to fit them in their weekly schedule. His first missionary conference in November was attended by President and Mrs. Robbins. This was their last conference before being released from the mission presidency. In January a special district conference was called where the missionaries met President and Mrs. Fitzer, the new North German Mission President. Christmas in Germany was a wonderful festive time with its different customs and foods. David was made happy by thoughtful messages from friends at home and wants each to know his appreciation of their faith and prayers in his behalf.

Elder Clark Webb is happy and busy in the Mexican mission. He is working in Cordoba Vera Cruz, 125 miles southeast of Mexico City. There are 600 members in the branch. The MIA is very outstanding having as good attendance as at the Sacrament meeting and Sunday School. The elders live at the chapel and Elder Webb's musical talents are being well used.

At our January Fast Meeting two young men were confirmed members of the church. They were John Tueller, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Tueller, and John Crofts III, son of Bishop and Mrs. John Crofts Jr.

Burlingame Ward will feel a great loss with the departure of the ward organist and ward clerk. Grace and Noel Jensen have moved with their family to Salt Lake City where Noel is changing employment.

Leland and Mabel Fife are also moving from the ward and we all wish them much happiness in their new home in Greely, Calif.

There have been some changes in ward organizations. David Todd is the new second counselor in the Sunday School Superintendency and Leah Benjamin is the new secretary. The Relief Society has a new counselor, Doris Berkeley, who is replacing Leah Benjamin.

The Primary Officers and Teachers and their husbands had a holiday party. Those attending enjoyed a buffet dinner and a play put on by teachers and husbands called "Primary Anonymous."

Oakland Third

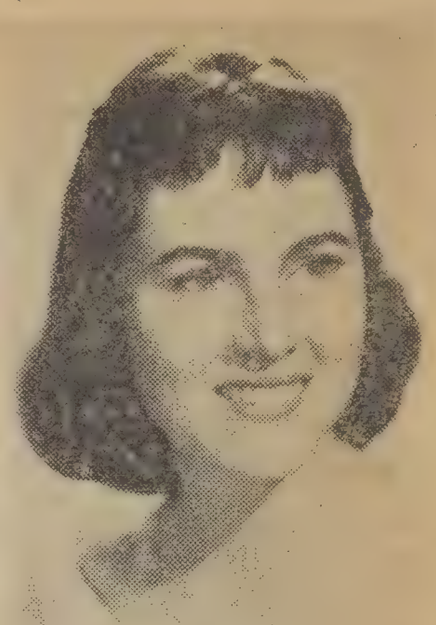
Joan L. Moody Is Engaged To Joseph H. Allen

Mr. and Mrs. Manton M. Moody of Oakland Third Ward are announcing the engagement of their daughter Joan LaPreal, to Joseph Hilton Allen, son of the Arden Allens, also of the Third Ward.

To family members the announcement was made at a Christmas Day gathering in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

Joan received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from the Brigham Young University and taught school in Garden Grove California. While living in this southern city she was very active in Church affairs both in the ward and on the Sunday School Stake Board. At present she is affiliated with American Airlines as hostess, based at Dallas, Texas.

Her fiance is a senior pre-dental student at Brigham Young University, where he is active in student affairs and is vice president of the Brickers social unit. He has served two years in the Army and two and one-half years as a missionary in Finland.



Joan LaPreal Moody, teacher-airlines hostess, engaged to marry Joseph Hilton Allen, pre-dental student at B. Y. U.

Claremont Ward

John Goddard Lecture-Films Help Pay Center Assessment

By Betty Moss

The enthusiastic reception given the John Goddord lecture and film on Jan. 15 and 16, in the Interstake Center was indeed a reward for Claremont Ward, sponsors of the project. Not only was the evening extremely enjoyable, but it also raised substantial funds toward the completion of the Ward's assessment on the Interstake Center. So enthusiastic was the reception of John Goddard's adventure film, that he has been persuaded to come back for a return engagement on May 5 and 6.

The successful outcome of the project can be largely credited to Don Wood, chairman of the finance committee, who put forth a large amount of work in organizing and promoting the afair. Members of the Ward also helped in selling tickets, as did other wards throughout the area.

After the lecture on Saturday evening, a reception was held at Claremont Ward for John Goddard. Members of the Ward and their friends were able to meet and talk with him at that time. Mari Kassow hostessed the reception.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders began the New Year with a spiritual banquet the evening of Jan. 1. The Elders and their wives joined in a bread and milk supper, followed by a testimony meeting that will long be remembered by those present. Bill and Eunice Knecht were responsible for the evening's arrangements.

The Ward was pleased to learn of the recent marriage of Kimball Hansen and his wife, Karma. The ceremony was performed in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Leo Mike and Minnie Kinlicheenie were married Jan. 23 in the Ward. They will soon be moving to the Oakland Second Ward, and we wish them happiness in their new home.

The Primary officers and teachers, their partners, and the Bishopric were entertained Dec. 30, at a buffet dinner at the Kassows. Everyone joined in the preparation of the dinner, and a very pleasant evening was spent by those present.

The Explorers of the ward, sponsored by Wendell Evensen, took part Dec. 29, in a chess tournament. Champion of the evening was Ernie Ahlborn. Future chess tournaments open to all ward members are being promoted.

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Balboa Second

New Counselors In Balboa Second

By Lona Hawkins

Two counselors to assist Bishop Edgar C. Williams in Balboa Second Ward were sustained at Sacramento meeting Jan. 17. They are Elwood Roberts, first counselor, and Brooks Cope, second counselor. Charles Naumann was released as first counselor; Elwood Roberts, released as second counselor.

Mamie Lambson was released as Primary President, as she and her family have moved to Mission Ward. We are certainly going to miss this family in our ward affairs. Marge Craft was sustained as the new Primary President. Carol Tueller was released as co-ordinator in the Junior Sunday School. Shirley Allen was sustained to take her place.

Mable Przybyla was released as teacher of the Sunday School Genealogy class and Lona Hawkins, who just completed two years as a stake missionary, was sustained as teacher of that class.

Guy and Erma Baker are the parents of baby girl born on Christmas Eve.

Those baptized this month were Jerry Lynn Welch, Shirley Jean Bennion, and James Lee Zimmerman.

San Carlos Ward

Many Changes In Personnel

By Merlyn Leetham

Many changes in ward personnel have taken place during the past month, concurrent with increasing ward membership and other factors.

Sister Gladys Beckle was released as age group counselor in the MIA and was replaced by Sister Charmion Vause. A luncheon was given in honor of Sister Beckle at the home of Sister Mary Smith, YWMIA president.

Lewellyn Jones, pressed by business demands, was given a release as counselor to Howard Lund in the Sunday School. Delbert Knutson was called to this position. Mike Feddock is teaching the Ensign class and Sister Avon Smith has accepted the position of secretary in the Junior Sunday School.

Frank Fenlon, called to head the 6th Quorum of Elders in San Mateo Stake, has been released from his responsibilities as ward clerk. Harold McNeil and Glen Pew are the counselors. William Starkey is the new ward clerk.

Star of the Week—Rich Winkel

Rich Winkel Prep of Week

By Nell Smith

According to those who know, it is quite a feat to earn a varsity letter in the sophomore year but to be named "Sportsman of the Week" by the East Bay Prep Writer's Association, bringing honor to a new school, is achievement indeed.

Such is the story of Rich Winkel, son of Elder and Mrs. Francis Winkel, Centerville Ward, who was the first Fremont area athlete to earn the award. The presentation was made at the Prep writers luncheon and later he and his coach. Fred George, were guests on Milt Gamble's TV sports show.

"Winkel was our only letterman from the other school when we opened practice in September, and he immediately assumed leadership for the squad," said Coach George, "and I don't know what we would have done without him."

"He set a teriffic example for the rest of the team and never let down despite our losing season."

Rich was named captain and most valuable player by his team, a tribute to his leadership. As in football, he is the team's lone varsity letterman in basketball.

Rich will graduate from high school this summer after which he plans to attend Brigham Young University. He holds the office of Priest and has received his Aaronic Priesthood individual award every year since being ordained a deacon. He is presently serving as president of his seminary class.

When Rich Leaves Logan high school there will be another Winkel to carry on, his brother, Mac, who is a sophomore. Mac has bas- football seasons and three in basketball.

Richmond Ward

"Cattle Call" Dinner Theme

"Cattle Call" will be the theme of an old-fashioned "Chuck Wagon" dinner program and evening of entertainment on the evening of Friday, March 4, at the Interstake Center, Lincoln Avenue at Warren Freeway, Oakland.

This is a fund raising event on behalf of the new Richmond Ward chapel now under construction. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Interstake Center Recreation hall.

The entertainment and dancing are planned to interest all ages. Western attire is appropriate for this "night on the range." All are invited to come and participate with the fun makers of Richmond, according to Bishop Harold DeLa-Mare.

The dinner is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Amtoft, the Ward finance chairmen. Handling the arrangements committee are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brinkerhoff, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giovanini, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Donations of ten dollars per ticket are requested. Tickets and reservations may be made by calling LA 4-4295, BE 4-2509, BE 4-1772. Contact person for this "Cattle Call" dinner is Rita Hall, 5824 Thelma Avenue, Richmond, LA 4-4295.

Hayward Ward

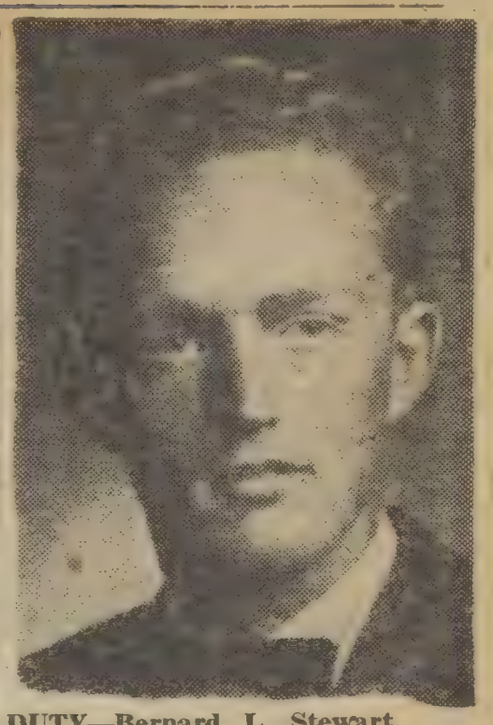
"Duty to God" For B. Stewart

It is always nice to be first but even more so when it is in the performance of your duty to God. Bernard Lynn Stewart is the first young man in Hayward to receive the coveted "Duty to God" award. Bishop D. Ross McClellan made the presentation at a recent Sacrament meeting.

Son of Elder and Mrs. Bernard O. Stewart, Bernie has received individual awards every year since he was ordained to the priesthood, a total of six. Each award bore the impressive one hundred per cent attendance seal.

Bernie, who is seventeen, is a graduate of Hayward high school and is presently attending San Jose state college majoring in science. His parents have been members of Hayward Ward since 1936 and Bernie's grandfather is Stake Patriarch Owen L. Stewart.

Scout leaders, church teachers, priesthood advisors and his parents are credited by Bernie for valuable assistance in helping him achieve his awards.



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Castro Valley Ward

Good Writeup in Local Press For Castro Valley Project

By Lillian Sorensen

The Morning News, a paper serving Central and Southern Alameda County, gave considerable space in their edition of Dec. 30, to a story, with pictures, entitled "Mormons build their own Church in Castro Valley." The story describes a typical Saturday on "The Lot." It was emphasized that an occupational survey of the members had been taken so that certain skilled workmen could be assigned to lay out the work and supervise amateurs who desired to help, but who had no skill in building trades.

Up until the big rain everything was humming on the lot. The brick-laying is now just about one-third completed and the rough plumbing is about fifty percent completed. As soon as the ground is dry enough it is planned to begin roughing in the heating and sheet metal work.

The brethren who spend their Saturdays on the lot are high in their praises of the Relief Society sisters who are so prompt with their delicious hot lunches.

The theme of the Sacrament meeting on Dec. 27, was "The Glory of God is Intelligence." This was an appropriate choice, since the program was given in its entirety by college students home on Christmas leave. The readings, speeches, songs and instrumental numbers showed talent and imagination.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

These young students, most of whom are in their Freshman year, were on the stand: Dorothy Jean Brown, Terry Owen Carroll, Judy E. Fontano, Douglas Forquer, Lawrence Gatterer, Gloria Gay, James Gray, Sharon Hartman, Maxine Herbert, Sara Jane Holfeltz, Joyce A. Hoover, Bonnie Lee Horrigan, Leslie Earl Inman, Jr., Clinton Linnell, F. Garth Ludwig II, Morgan Reed, Brenda Rosenkrans, Howard Shurtleff, Christie Tietjen, Larry Wachter and Mark Van Wagoner.

Three of the foregoing, Terry Owen Carroll, Sharon Hartman and Sara Jane Holfeltz, are studying on scholarships.

Bishop Brown takes a great deal of interest in the students who are away from home and his concern for their welfare is just another instance of our Bishop "giving his cloak also."

Sister LaRee Argill, Chairman of the Education Committee, is proving to be an able replacement for her husband who has been called to serve on the High Council.

BUILDING FUND

The Relief Society, under the direction of Sister Rosemary Ludwig, has been active in raising money towards the building of the Castro Valley Ward chapel. Activities included the bazaar, bake sale and luncheon.

Sister Ludwig wishes to remind the Ward members to begin looking over their Christmas neckties and other articles of clothing which should have been exchanged - and weren't - so that they, together with any rummage on hand may be turned in for the big spring Rummage Sale to be held April 8, and 9. The proceeds will go to the building fund, so begin cleaning out your closets now.

Get-well wishes are being extended to Sister Nell Smith who, unfortunately, had to spend practically the whole time that missionary son Charles was home, in bed!

Sincere sympathy is extended to the following families, all having suffered bereavement during the holidays: Ray G. Workman, George S. Stephens, William Millet and Glen Holfeltz.

BABY GIRL

The New Year brought more than passing joy to the home of David and Valene Winter who are now parents of a baby girl. Dave and Valene are no longer in the Castro Valley Ward, but we still consider them part of our family.

Elder Lloyd Rawlins, recently of the Sunday School Superintendency, has been transferred to Salt Lake City. Sister Rawlins and children will remain in Castro Valley until spring in order to sell the home. Brother Rawlins is a Government Transportation Officer and has been assigned as coordinator with the Sperry-Rand Company in their government contracts. This family has contributed much to the music of Castro Valley ward.

Most of Castro Valley Ward was to be found at the Inter-Stake Center New Year's Eve attending the Stake dance. All Ward members were invited to breakfast at the home of Bishop and Sister Brown immediately following the dance. Hot cakes, ham and eggs were served from 1:30 until 3:30 a.m.

Congratulations are in order for Fullmer Latter, Jr., and Charles Ruiz who have been ordained to the Melchizedek priesthood and are now members of the Fourth Quorum of Elders, Castro Valley Ward. Elder Latter is presently serving on a Stake mission and Elder Ruiz has been sustained as a counselor in the Sunday School superintendency.

We were sorry to hear that Clinton Linnell, who has been called to South West Indian Mission, has had to postpone his departure date because of some serious dental difficulties.

Oakland Fourth Ward

Typewriter 'Doc's' Newly Located

The Oakland service and sales company, "The Typewriter Doctors," is moving a few doors south March 1, to larger quarters on Broadway. A picture of the new store will be found in this issue of "The Messenger."

Bob McAllister, Oakland Fourth Ward Clerk, and Thomas Gilbert are the founders and owners of this typewriter, adding machine office equipment firm, and have conducted an expanding business at the present store for over 10 years.

Alameda Ward

Relief Society Leaders Named

With the beginning of the New Year came a change in the Alameda Ward Relief Society presidency. Released with a vote of thanks for their fine work were President Delora Pugh and her counselors Mildred Fralick and Dorothy Frear. A party was given in their honor on Tuesday, Jan. 19 after Relief Society. Each was presented with a relief society pin and a handerchief. Chosen to be the new President was Vera Soots and as counselors Alice Eastman and Anna Mae Zundel. Other new teachers are Ramona Carlson as visiting teacher message leader and Matinu Fonoimoana as chorister.

The new age group counselor in our YWMIA is Marge Sutton. We are happy to see her back in our ward since returning from the New England States Mission.

The New Year also brought a loss of members from our ward. Rollace and Delora Pugh and family are leaving our ward after four years and going to Seattle because of a navy transfer. Dorothy Giles is going back to Ogden, Utah, to stay with her husband's folks while he is overseas for six months. Norman will then be discharged from the navy and intends to pursue his career as a dentist. Rodney and Jean Griffin moved to Hayward because of a company transfer.

We welcome back after a few years away, David and Roberta Berry and family. Also returning to our ward for a few months are Charles and Hazel Reed and family New in our ward are Nathan and LuRee Tolman, formerly of the Berkeley First Ward. They recently returned from the New England States mission. Brother Tolman is assistant secretary to the Senior Aaronic Priesthood.

UTAH HOLIDAY

George and Violet Pinckney enjoyed the Christmas holiday with their sons, George and David and families in Provo, Utah. Louie and Eleanor Engel and Marvin and Marguerite Johnson spent the holidays with Dr. Karl and Mrs. Marion Hawes in Santa Barbara.

Pat Lane accompanied her sister Dorothy Lane and friends to Southern California over the New Year holiday to see the Rose Bowl Parade and attend the big game.

Walter and Vera Soots had a nice holiday with her sisters Rita Lynne of Salt Lake and Pearl McCaleb of San Diego and families visiting.

Carl and Elaine Lane have her parents Mr. and Mrs. John I. Hess visiting for a few months. He is the former bishop of the North Farmington Ward.

Elaine and Al Parry and family visited with her family, Don and Medie Hughes, this past month.

Ward Conference was held the last weekend in January with some very inspirational and informative meetings.

A ward buffet supper was held Friday, Jan. 15 prior to the John Goddard lecture at the Stake Center.

Congratulations to Roger Lanz and Helen Hartford on their recent engagement. After Roger is released from active duty with the Navy in May he hopes to fulfill a full time mission before their wedding takes place.

Theresa Rizzari, Jane Dean, and Joe Smith journeyed to Southern California to attend Earl Stark's missionary farewell the weekend of Jan. 17.

Our condolences to Beatrice Malquist at the recent passing of her husband, Albert Malquist.

Berkeley Second Ward

Air Pollution Being Studied By Two L.D.S. Scientists

Dr. C. Ray Thompson is assuming a new position as director of the Agricultural Air Research Program at the University of California, Riverside, California. This newly created program is a study of the effect of air pollution (smog) on citrus and other field crops.

Dr. Thompson a member of Berkeley Second Ward, has resigned from his position as head of the Forage Investigations Group at the U.S.D.A. Western Regional Research Laboratories, Albany effective Feb. 1. Ray will be associated directly with another L.D.S. scientist, Dr. Moyer D. Thomas who formerly was employed by the Stanford Research Institute, Palo Alto. Margaret and the boys will remain in Second Ward until the end of school term.

Thomas Hopkins, enroute to his new duty station with a Navy Band in Seattle, Washington, has been at the home of his parents, Arthur and Grace Hopkins, for a one-month leave. He has spent his last two years touring Europe and the eastern states with a Navy Band. Tom values highly the time spent among church members in the United States, France, Switzerland, and even far off Istanbul. He will be discharged by September of this year and hopes to follow is brother, Elder A. Lincoln Hopkins, into the mission field.

NEW COUNSELORS

Sustained as counselors to Relief Society President Sally Olson recently, were Marcel Carpus and Helen Jenson. Lettie Hale was released as first counselor at the same time.

Berkeley Second Ward has a new Sunday School Superintendency. Howard Bodily was sustained as superintendent with Clyde Derr and Don Pack as assistants. Maudie Silva is secretary. Most of the former board remained. Sam Holmes was the previous superintendent and in effect traded positions with Howard Bodily and is now teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class. Clyde Rasmussen, assistant superintendent, also was released.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Corbett entertained the genealogical class in their home following sacrament meeting Sunday evening.

Members of Berkeley Second Ward should mark their calendars and look forward to the Sweetheart Ball on Friday, Feb. 12. It will be sponsored by the M.I.A. An orchestra, decorations, refreshments, and an interesting evening await all over Mutual age in the ward. Starting time is 8:30 p.m., at the Berkeley Recreation Hall.

DUP MEETING

Feb. 8th is the date of the next meeting of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, It will be held at the home of Sylvia Carey, 1515 North St., Berkeley, at 12:45 p.m. Luncheon will be served and Verna Call will present the lesson. All members and those eligible are invited to attend.

Dr. Marc Ricks is the newly appointed cubmaster of Cub Pack 95, with Howard Bodily, Lowell Flamm, and Tony Woolf as assistant cubmasters. Don Pack is chairman of the committee.

December and January baptisms and confirmations included the following: Peter A. Reedy, baptized by Larry Gilbert and confirmed by Grant Cluff; Kevin Flamm, baptized and confirmed by his father, Lowell; Karen Squires, baptized and confirmed by her father, Phil; and Jeannine Hale baptized by her father, Zendell, and confirmed by her grandfather, O. C. Raymond.

Babies blessed at Sacrament meetings in December and January were: Neil Joseph, son of George and Dorothy Weeks, blessed by Larry Roberts; Peter C., son of Jim and Mary Wallman, blessed by William T. Hicken; Stephen Douglas, son of Frank and Carlene Stuart, blessed by his father; Lorraine Joy, daughter of Kay and Joy Noall, blessed by her grandfather, George Hughes; Laura Leigh, daughter of Joan and George Weirich, blessed by her grandfather, James Kay; Kym Renee', daughter of Winn and Shirley Layton, blessed by her father; and Patricia Lynne, daughter of Helen and Arthur Pirsko, blessed by Herbert Layton.

BRIEF VACATION

Numerous colleges were represented by the many students home for Christmas. Nina Paulson, Ann Balmforth, Linda DeRouen, Bill and David Crockett, Karen Olsen, Bill Burke and Paul Carpenter came from the B.Y.U.; Richard Jenson from Cal Tech; Bill Ellis from University of Utah; and Gary Liotta from U.S.C.

Home to spend Christmas with her parents, the Ralph Jensons, was Janet, vacationing briefly from her position in the Church Historian's Office in Salt Lake City.

Wydonna Bodily, serving dietetic internship at the Multnomah County Hospital at Portland, spent Christmas week here with her family, the Howard Bodilys. Soon after her return she spent a vacation in the Vancouver and British Columbia area.

Don Boyack, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clifton D. Boyack, of Templeview, New Zealand, visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Richards, other relatives and many friends. Don was enroute to the B.Y.U., having graduated from the Church College of New Zealand where his father is president. He was greeted here also by his sister, Susan, Christmas vacationing here from the B. Y.U.

NOVEL PARTY

The Primary-Sunday School party was a novel affair where parents and children came together, dressed in their very best, and enjoyed an afternoon of dancing, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cain of Minneapolis, Minnesota, are visiting the families of their sons, William G., and Robert in Berkeley 2nd Ward.

Marilla Bodily and Jeanne Hayes participated in the concert presented by the Young People's Symphony in Oakland, Sunday, Jan. 17.

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Nancy Sleever, of New Jersey, who will be married in the Salt Lake Temple to David Call, University Ward, April 12.

Sleever-Call Troth is Told

The forthcoming marriage of Nancy June Sleever of Morris Plains, New Jersey, and David Thomas Call, a member of the Sunday School superintendency of the University Ward, is being announced here and on the East Coast. They will be married in the Salt Lake Temple on April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph J. Sleever are the parents of Nancy, who received her nurse's training at East Orange General Hospital, N.J.

David, who will receive his University of California diploma next June, is the son of Elder and Mrs. Thomas O. Call, former residents of Berkeley, who now reside in San Francisco. David's brother, Osmond, also is a senior at Cal.

The bridegroom-to-be completed an Eastern States mission last August. He and his family have resided in Korea and Japan, where Thomas Call, a professional soldier, served for a time. David resides at 2338 Telebraph Ave., Berkeley.

Nancy, a convert to the Church in 1958, is a receptionist for a doctor in Morristown, N.J. She was graduated from Booton High School, Booton, N.J., in 1958, before taking her nurse training.

The engagement was announced at a family gathering on Christmas Day.

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San Leandro Second

Ward Misses The Kizerians

By Charlene Hathaway

Elder and Mrs. Karlos Kizerian, full-time missionaries, who have made many friends and many converts in Southern Alameda County, have returned to their home in Salt Lake City. They will truly be missed by the San Leandro Second Ward congregation, and especially by their many converts.

George Stageman passed away recently; the sympathy of the ward goes to Sister Stageman and her family.

Donald Urish, who has been serving in the Army, returned home on furlough for the Christmas holidays and returned to duty in mid-January in South Dakota. While he was home he was ordained an elder.

Stan and Karen Nielson, who recently were married, have been transferred from Los Angeles to Sacramento. Brother Nielson is with the California Youth Authority and expects to be in Sacramento from two to five years.

Those completing Course I of the Aaronic Priesthood classes are Ann Kreuschiver, Gene Powell and Merle Etherton.

George and Colleen Wells are the parents of a 7 pound 12 ounce girl. The maternal grandparents are Brother and Sister Judson Calhoun.

Sharp Park Branch

Quaneys Given Leadership Jobs

• By Agnes Jean Babcock

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quaney who recently moved to the Branch, have accepted responsibile positions. Sister Quaney will be a counselor to Sister Jane Steed in the YWMIA and Brother Quaney is the new Sunday School Superintendent, succeeding Robert Sale. The latter has been called to fill a Stake Mission.

The Sharp Park Branch Relief Society sponsored a rummage sale on January 30, 1960. All proceeds will go for the building fund. The sale was to be held at the Little Brown Church in Sharp Park.

The Branch Relief Society has an unusually good group of teachers for the different departments. Sister Marilyn Holland teaches the literature lessons, Sister Joyce Schneider the social science, Sister Janice Crosby the theology class, and the work director is Sister Colleen Dale.

Greenbrae Ward

MIA Conference On February 2

Attention all Mutual age groups . . . be sure to attend the Greenbrae Ward Mutual Ward conference on Feb. 2. Also good news for Mutual participants — young and old—Cheryl Lynn of San Rafael Ward won first prize in the Stake Speech Contest.

Our young people were well represented in the Voice Choir at last Stake Conference—Ann Canann, Sandy Kromie, Jean Wood, Judy Tomlinson, Cheryl Lynn, Roxie Reed.

Peter and Heidi Schindler of Mill Valley were baptized by Jerry Jones and confirmed by Jerry Jones and Bishop Coombs. Donald Willmore blessed his latest boy and Brother Neilsen blessed his little girl.

The Greenbrae Ward held a ward dinner an Jan. 22, with entertainment and good food—a good combination for a happy evening. Donations were for the Stake building fund.

Our New Year's dance held on the Marin side—was a tremendous success. We had a game room and floor show and delightful refreshments. We are glad to report that many of our brother and sisters turned out to take this such a grand night.

San Mateo Stake

Ward Directory Is Widely Read

News of Redwood City ward for the month is entirely literary.

All seven service men from the ward have now been sent subscriptions for the Church News. They already are getting the Messenger and the Improvement Era. Now if they get into mischief it won't be because of the bad influence of the reading matter.

Further ward literary news has to do with publication of the most-read book of all, a ward directory. The present stake directory is two years old, worn out and obsolete. The problem is that in the ward there is an average of eight families who move into the ward each month and four who move out, which in two years makes a total of 288 changes required.

Work on the new directory has been done, naturally enough, by the bishop's wife, Marcelle Weaver, but other help is to be called for cutting tne stencils.

The most-read best-seller will be out in mid-February.

FULL-TIME MISSIONARY

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to Livermore. Brother Ihrig is a convert to the Church.

RESOLUTION - NEW CHAPEL

The year of progress for Livermore, has been the inspiration for a New Year Resolution. Livermore members have resolved to make their New Chapel a reality. Each month every family is reminded by letter, their obligations as a family group to help this become a completed project. Pledge cards have been given to every family in the ward and is expected, a concentrated effort will be put forth for the coming year to honor the pledges made. Also building fund projects will be increased during the year. Considering the size of Livermore, the problems of a meeting place have become acute with the quickly growing population. Ninety - six new members were added to the membership, 27 of which were family groups. Three came from converts and 19 in baptisms for the eight year old age group.

As, "Progress is our most important product" has become the motto of General Electric Co., so also it might well be adopted by the Livermore Ward for the year 1960. Livermore is no longer the smallest Ward in the Hayward Stake! It's growing. Watch it progress! It's most important year is yet to come - - 1960!!

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Berkeley First Ward

Bishop Fife Is Released, James Sabine New Bishop

By Dixie Wood

On January 10, the Stake Presidency met with the Berkeley First Ward to sustain a new bishopric. Bishop Leland J. Fife and his counselors, Mack F. Hughes and Carl E. Johnson were released after almost five years of devoted service in their callings. The ward truly enjoyed this Bishopric and extends its heartfelt thanks to these brethren for their excellent leadership, their humility, inspiration and service to the Ward. Bishop Fife was able to see many of the goals he set for the Ward achieved during this time. He associated closely with the members and was particularly and especially close to the boys of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Bishop Fife is loved and respected by these boys because he has shown love and respect for them. Under the leadership of this bishopric the Ward has grown in spirituality and togetherness and has been one of the leading Wards in the Stake in attendance at Sacrament meetings and percentage of Ward Teaching achieved each month. Bishop Fife felt that Ward teaching was the most vital activity in the Ward and as long as he was Bishop he never gave up his calling as Ward teacher.

NEW BISHOP

Well qualified to take over the role of Bishop is James E. Sabine, who has been serving on the High Council for the past few years and who is well-known in the Bay area for his law work. He is a native of Utah and earned his A. B. at the University of Utah. He studied two years at Harvard Law School, completing work for his law degree at the University of California. He has been associated with the State Attorney General's office for several years and was recently appointed Assistant Attorney General in charge of the San Francisco Office. He is also Visiting Lecturer at the University of California School of Law.

In addition to his service in the High Council, Bishop Sabine has served in various other capacities in the Church, having served in the Berkeley Ward Bishopric, as Elders' Quorum President twice, in the MIA Superintendency, the Sunday School Superintendency, on the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee, and has served as Class Instructor for the High Priests' Quorum.

Serving as First Counselor to Bishop Sabine, is Spencer J. Palmer, known since his arrival in the Bay Area in 1956 for his enthusiastic activity in Senior Aaronic work - lecturing at the Senior Aaronic School and serving as Quorum instructor. Spencer is a "root-in-tootin'" son from Arizona, with a lot of know-how and ability. He attended college for two years in Arizona, filled a mission in the California mission, during which time he worked as Supervising Elder and Branch President in the newly-organized Mt. Whitney District, and later attended Brigham Young University, where he was active in debating and at one time represented the University in Hawaii in a series of debates.

ARMY CHAPLAIN

Spencer received his B. A. in Fine Arts from the "Y" in 1952 and was then called into the service as a private. He received a direct commission as First Lieutenant to serve in the Chaplaincy, serving in Korea where he supervised LDS groups and organized conferences there and in Japan, as well as performing outstanding missionary work.

Second Counselor, Arthur Q. Wood, son of Bishop Wood of Claremont Ward, was born in Salt Lake but came here immediately after the big event, and is actually a real native of California. He received his education in the Bay Area and is now affiliated with the Crocker-Anglo Bank, working out of San Francisco. He has been an active Church member all his life and a leader and participator in Church work. He has served as Elders' Quorum President, Deacons' Quorum Advisor, Aaronic Priesthood Secretary and various other Priesthood assignments. He has a "go get 'em" attitude and exuberance and a real sense of humor.

RECENT ADVANCEMENT

Recently advanced from Deacon to Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood are Michael Radcliffe, son of William and Leah Radcliffe; Alan Frazer, son of Viola Frazer; Robert Basinger, son of Walter and Rowene Basinger, and Richard Hart, son of William and Louise Hart. Advanced from Teacher to Priest were Steven Glenn, son of Harold J. and June W. Glenn, and Stephen Baer, son of Theodore and Mavis Baer. Ordained a Deacon was Sidney Feller, son of Sidney F. and Alma Deane Feller.

New Elders' Quorum instructor is Calvin D. Wood. The Quorum extends a vote of thanks to Eugene Kregg, Quorum instructor for the past year.

Receiving his release as Stake Missionary, after two years of faithful service, was Reese D. Burton. During his mission, Reese served as District President of the Berkeley Wards. He was commended by Stake Mission President Layton Loyd, for his good spirit and enthusiastic work.

SUNSET BASKETBALL

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young musician. Recently he took part in a band instrument workshop at the University of California in Berkeley, where 80 of the finest band students in Northern California participated with band leaders from the entire West. In the Symphonic Band Concert that climaxed the four days of study, John was first chair in the baritone section and played a brief solo. More recently he appeared for four successive weeks on TV station KQED, demonstrating band instruments on the "Time for Music" show. He is a senior at Lowell High School.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

In the center of Sunset Ward is Lincoln High School, so it is not unusual for our young people to take a predominant part in school activities and honors. Carolyn Roberts, the brilliant young daughter of Dr. John and Thelma Robert, was one of the speakers at graduation the end of January. Another L.D.S. girl, Karen Oakelberry, who is vice president of the student body, is another speaker. Last term Linda Johnson was a speaker, before that J. Bonner Ritchie spoke, Dawn Hickenlooper and Claudia Lauper spoke when they graduated, and Monte Hickenloper before that. Carolyn Roberts won the cash award given to the outstanding girl student when she graduated from Giannini Jr. High school. Caron Smith won it the next year. Her brother Doug has been student body president during the term just completed.

In January several families drove up to Ukiah to attend the missionary farewell of Jim Scalmanini, formerly of Sunset. He has been called to Argentina. George Aaron and J. R. Johnson were speakers.

Sunday School Superintendent, Marian Allred has just one assistant right now, David Rogers. Albert Middleton has been called to be a stake missionary.

The many friends of Sister Mary Grow will be happy to learn she is recovering slowly from her illness, and is now up and able to get around. Charlotte Spencer, who went to the Hawaiian Islands in November for a vacation with her daughter who lives there, contracted typhoid fever and spent some weeks in the hospital. She has recovered now and will be home very soon.

Any young piano students, who would like some experience in accompanying are invited to get in touch with Sister Lauper, the Choir director, who will give them opportunities to work with choir and congregational music.

Arriving home from the Hawaiian Islands in time for Christmas came Nancy Thomas. She and April Aaron went over in the fall to attend the Church College. Nancy decided to go to school nearer home, while April stayed on, taking an active part in school activities.

San Mateo Stake

Second Annual Variety Show To Benefit Wards and Branch

By Gay Taylor

Bishops will hit the jackpot again at the second annual Variety Show for the wards of San Mateo stake, scheduled Friday, February 19, at 8:15 p.m., at the San Mateo High School auditorium.

The show is the end of the rainbow for the bishops because each ward of the stake, and the branch, gets to keep all the money from all the tickets it sells. And has there ever been a bishop, or branch president, who couldn't use money for a dozen worthy causes,?

For instance: San Mateo First and Second wards are underwriting a healthy share of the $61,000 remodeling job on the stake center, since these wards also use it as a chapel.

Redwood City and San Bruno wards are raising funds for new chapels. So is Sharp Park branch.

All wards and the branchs are looking forward to construction of a new stake center.

Yes, the money will come in handy.

Stake President William L. Stoker is chairman of the committee producing the show and will use his connections in obtaining the best available talent in the Bay Area. President Stoker has been a vocal teacher in San Francisco for the past twenty years and is well acquainted with many professional performers. His benefit shows in past years have grossed in excess of $100,000.

How much will be added to this figure by the Wards' Variety Show of Feb. 19 remains to be seen, but the bishops hit a fine jackpot last year, and are now selling tickets like made with the best incentive in the world.

Hayward Stake

Temporal, Spiritual Salvation Theme of Hayward Conference

Apostle Alma Sonne, addressing a capacity congregation at the recent Hayward Stake Quarterly conference, counciled the members to " . . . live so outsiders will want to investigate our way of life since temporal and spiritual salvation lines are indistinguishable . . . " He set the meeting's theme of the importance of missionary work which was incorporated into the addresses which followed.

Stake President Milton P. Ream testified to the power and authority of the representatives of the First Presidency and reminded the saints that principles of the Gospel are eternal truths.

Elder Sonne was accompanied from Salt Lake by Elder A. Lewis Elggren of the Church Welfare committee. Others who preached were Elders Roy King, Gifford Jackson, Orval Ostler, and Andrew L. Gardner, newly appointed high councilman.

Sister Margaret McClellan, whose husband, Bishop D. Ross McClellan of Hayward ward, has held the office of bishop longest in the Hayward stake, discussed the role of a Bishop's wife. The job of being a high councilman's wife was related by Sister Leona Webb whose husband, Elder Wilford T. Webb, has served on the High council since the Stake's reorganization and was a member of the Oakland Stake high council.

At January's Hayward Stake Priesthood leadership meeting the following advancements in Priesthood offices were made; Sustained as high priests were Albert Cooper, Livermore, and Alden A. Miller, Centerville; sustained to the office of elder were, Fullmer Latter, Jr., Charles Ruiz, Gary Leon White, Hal LaPray, Douglas T. Silver, Francis C. Burris, Don Urish, Henry Donald Winter and Matua Pailioni.

Danish Genealogy Help Available

Latter-day Saints who are involved in Danish research will be pleased to know of Grethe and William O. Pedersen of Salt Lake City.

First LDS emigrants from Denmark after World War II in 1946, these devoted Church members are acquainted with old Danish writings and sources available for good results. Grethe worked her first three years in Salt Lake as Danish Researcher for the Church Genealogical Society.

STATISTICAL REPORT

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It would be interesting to know why Bay area stakes have a higher percentage of Senior Aaronics attending Sacrament meeting than the Church average, but fewer members of the MIA, while every other stake in the area would like to know how Walnut Creek had a 19 per cent greater YMMIA attendance than the Church average.

The chart on Page 3, considered in this light, can be a challenge.

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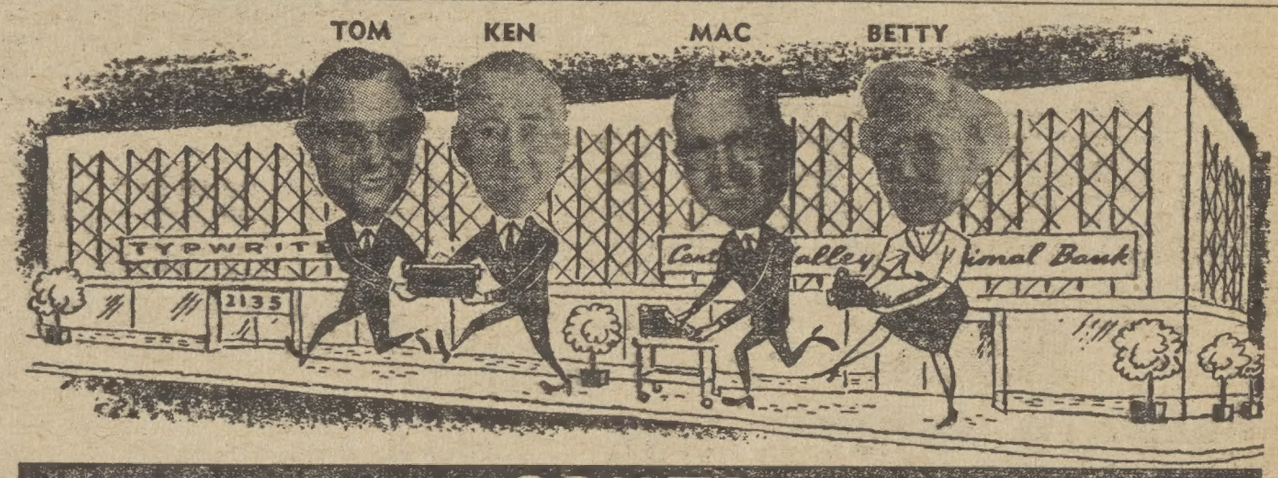

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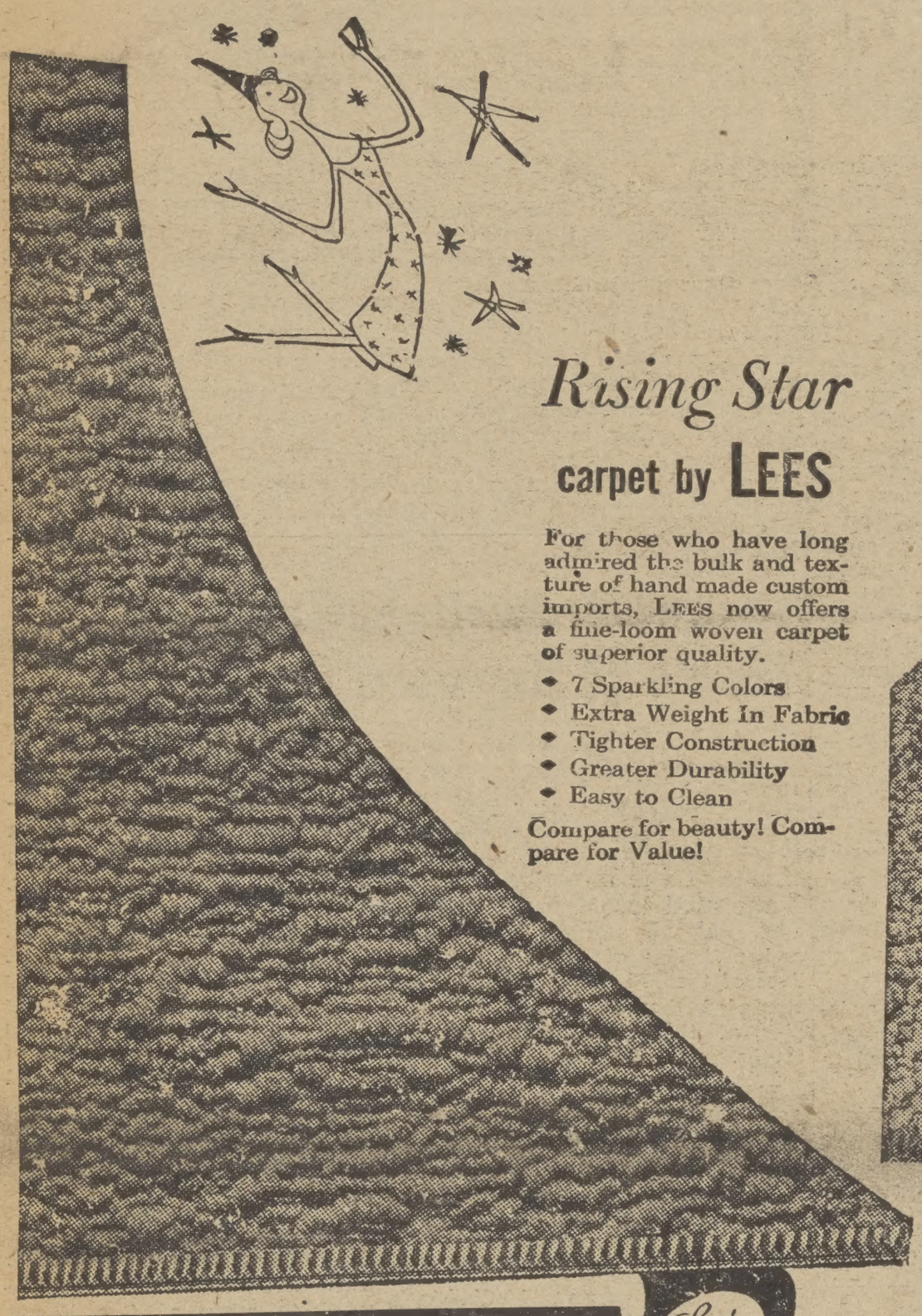

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